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## A Sukkot Message From Brazil: 'We Are All Street People'

*by Rabbi Jacob Neusner*

In the hills overlooking Rio de Janeiro are vast slums, known as *favellas*, that perch precariously at the summit like medieval fortresses. Each slum is made up of thousands of flimsy shacks, the only housing available to some three million Brazilians.

In the valleys below live the rich and middle class, where families with modest incomes have two or three servants—at \$40 a month—and the rich employ many more. The impoverished Brazilians descend from their hill-top *favellas* each morning to work if they can or to steal if they have to. At the end of the day, they scramble back up to their shacks in the hilltops.

The slums are considered ungovernable. The government is incapable of delivering services to the *favellas*; even the police cannot reach into these teeming warrens to enforce the law. Indeed, the only means of providing government services to the people of the *favellas* are through state-sponsored "samba-schools," which teach them to play and to perform the national dance of Brazil. Thus, through dance and music, Brazilian authorities manage to reach some of the vast slum population and administer the medical, social and other services that a state must provide to its people. The residents of the *favellas*, distrustful of all authority, will not come down for free food, but they will come down for music.

### **A Sea of Sukkot**

To the visitor to Brazil at this time of year, the shacks of the *favellas* remind one of nothing more than a vast sea of holiday sukkot. But the thought that these people are forced to live in these flimsy huts, not merely as an act of sanctification during the season of the full moon of Tishri, but permanently because they have no other choice, is a sobering one.

On Sukkot, we are commanded to be poor, to reenter a world in which we must live without a roof and within sight of the stars, if only for meals. The experience is an act of consecration, a brief but refreshing return to a simple life of basics, without water, without heat, with only G-d to sustain us. The Brazilians of the slums, however, live in a sukkot-like world out of bitter

necessity. Yet in Rio, they sing and dance, responding to music and artful gestures. It is as if the *favella* dwellers, impoverished as they are, are saying to the world: "Give me shoes, and they will wear out, but give me a song and it will remain with me forever."

Sukkot gives us a taste of poverty that should remind us of the here and now, not only of the long ago. For us Jews, most of whom now live in comfort, it is a good thing to be made to remember poverty—the kind of poverty our grandparents endured. But we should be aware that Sukkot also signifies the power of song and dance, for on Simhat Torah—at the end of Sukkot—our ritual calls for us to dance with the Torah. To live in a circumstance of poverty and to sing, as the *favella* dwellers of Rio do—that is the true meaning of Sukkot.

### **Rabbi Sobel: 'A New Kind of Poverty'**

Rabbi Henry I. Sobel, of the Congregacao Israelita Paulista, in Sao Paulo, Brazil expressed his view that the life of contemporary Jewry is, in many respects, vacant and purposeless, lacking any sense of the richness of life and the gift of fellowship. It is a poverty in some respects greater and more impoverishing than that of the *favella* dwellers in the hills above Rio, where people are starving but sustain themselves by emphasizing music and dance in their lives.

In the end, the message of Sukkot is that we are all street people, but of different kinds. Living without food and the shelter of a roof is one sort of privation. Living without song and dance, which stand for the heart and soul, is another kind of privation. This is the kind of poverty of soul from which many contemporary Jews suffer. Thus, when we move into our own *favella* shacks this Sukkot to remind ourselves of poverty, we should recall the admonition of Rabbi Sobel of Sao Paulo—that the poverty we should be most concerned about is that which is within ourselves, the kind that starves the spirit rather than the body.

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## From the Editor:

Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, addressed a Jewish Business and Professional Forum, Sept. 18, on the topic, "Perspectives on Black-Jewish Relations: Is There a Common Agenda?" Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte, moderated the Forum which is co-chaired by Herman Blumenthal.

Mr. Gantt began his presentation by reviewing those areas which are analogous for blacks and Jews: racial oppression; Egyptian bondage of Jews and American slavery of blacks; Judeo-Christian heritage. "With great adversity facing us," observed Gantt, "we've both made it, we've survived, but not in the same way."

He referred to the Civil Rights Movement in which many Jews participated beside the blacks. Since the '60s, however, the relationship has changed. Mr. Gantt feels that "the Black Power Movement was a sign of our wanting to be in charge of our own destiny. . .we wanted justice and fairness in the workplace, in schools and in housing. . .we supported 'Affirmative Action.' " This caused resentment among whites (including Jews).

Another issue which has hurt relations between blacks and Jews is the position taken by major black Civil Rights leaders in regard to Israel. The speaker mentioned specifically Rev. Jesse Jackson who made overtures to PLO Chief Yasir Arafat, and Rev. Louis Farrakhan whom Gantt called an anti-Semite. When questioned why other black leaders have not protested against Farrakhan if they don't agree with him, Gantt replied that minorities tend to stick together.

The perceptions that blacks have in the '80s are that Jews are lumped together with white America, while blacks are still discriminated against for skin color and are not moving up economically; that the "liberal" Jews of the '60s have been replaced by affluent Jews who voted for Reagan; that since Israel has trade relations with South Africa, Jews must not be

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sympathetic toward the oppressed blacks of that country. None of those statements is true, commented Gantt, but they are the perceptions of many black people today.

Mr. Gantt concluded with some suggestions for a common agenda for blacks and Jews. This would include better education and health care for all, and racial equality. "Blacks and Jews don't talk enough with each other, and we need to."

Rabbi Wilson challenged Charlotte's Jews and blacks to create a coalition for better communication and problem solving. Let him know if you are interested in participating in such a group.

We'd like to hear from our readers about any experiences you've had with black-Jewish coalitions in your communities. We will share those ideas with all of you so that we can take some positive steps in the common agenda.

Have a happy Sukkot and a joyous Simchat Torah!

Ruth Goldberg



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# Wildacres Institutes

by Estelle Hoffman

## 42nd Annual N.C. B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I

B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism originated at Wildacres, near Little Switzerland, N.C., in 1948, and have since been held in various parts of the United States. The 42nd annual Institute convened this year at Wildacres on August 7, ending August 10.

Co-chairing the planning committee were Bill and Retha Jasper of Raleigh, Stan and Sandy Deckelbaum of Raleigh and Jerome and Audrey Madans of Charlotte. Lecturers were Dr. Jay Jacoby of UNC Charlotte and Dr. Kalman Bland of Duke University. After Tisha b'Av services on Wednesday night, the group was entertained by a presentation by Eddy Grove, "The Golden Age of Yiddish." He led the audience back into legendary Jewish tales, related with great skill and feeling.

A highlight of the Institute was the performance of Charlotte's *Viva Klezmer*, on the first two evenings. Gene and Alice Kavadlo, Mike Mosley and Leo Bjorlie, all members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, comprise this noted group which has won the admiration and acclaim of our area. They appeared this year at the famed Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C.

Throughout the seminar there were numerous opportunities for participation in Israeli folk dancing, led by Adam Holtzman of Raleigh.

Field trips to area craftsmen were conducted by Leo Hoffman: one to The Barking Spider, the studio of two potters who demonstrated their craft and another to a blacksmith's forge, where two natives of the area demonstrated the skills inherited from their forefathers.

B'nai B'rith Institutes at Wildacres have been held longer, continuously, than any other organization.

## District Five B'nai B'rith Wildacres Institute of Judaism II

Chaired by Todd Savitt of Greenville, N.C., Richard Melenson of Charlotte and Rudolph Cohen of Baltimore, Md., District Five B'nai B'rith Institute was held at Wildacres August 10-13.

The theme of the Institute was *The Bible: What Does It Say to Us Today?* Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, noted educator, writer, Jewish legalist and pulpit rabbi is author of *The Story of the Jewish People*. He spoke on Jewish Law, discussed the question, "What is a Jew?" and on the topic of *False Messiahs in Jewish History*.

Rabbi Jack Riemer, spiritual leader of Beth David Congregation of Miami, Fla., was the speaker on the following topics: *David and Bathsheba*, *Biblical Tales of Sorrow and Survival* and *Lying in the Bible*.

Both speakers demonstrated the depth of their backgrounds and experience. Rabbi Klaperman served as president of the Rabbinical Council of America and the Jewish Book Council of America. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the World Academy in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Jack Riemer serves as Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom of Lawrence, N.Y., where he has served since 1950.

This weekend Institute offers Shabbat dinner followed by *zmirot*, and all appropriate Shabbat Services and Grace after meals.

Some participants attended both B'nai B'rith Institutes at Wildacres. Applications for reservations need to be submitted quickly after announcement, as both are subscribed fully long before the events.

## GCAR Wildacres Interfaith Institute

The 7th annual Interfaith Institute was held at Wildacres August 14-17. Its theme was *Challenges of Modern Society*. The keynote address on *The State of our Society* was delivered by Dr. Carl D. Evans, Professor of Religious Studies, University of South Carolina at Columbia. He was introduced by the chairman of the Interfaith Institute, Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman of Charlotte and Wildacres. Carl Evans is a man for all people in all seasons, and he set the tone of excellence which was sustained throughout the seminar.

*Teaching about Religion in the Public Schools* was the subject of the second session, moderated by Irving Edelman, retired school principal, Charlotte. The panel of speakers was Dr. Robert A. Pettillo, Professor of Education at UNCC and Duke University; Rabbi Marc Wilson, Temple Israel, Charlotte; Dr. John Sullivan, Professor of Philosophy at Elon College, N.C.; and Hugh Campbell, Esq., Attorney-at-Law in Charlotte.

Fr. Oscar Burnette, O.S.B., of Belmont Abbey was moderator of the third session, *Sin, Grace and Atonement in Modern Society*. Fr. John Haughey of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Charlotte and Rabbi Marc Wilson were the speakers.

The fourth session's subject was *Translating Prophetic Ideals with Action on Homelessness and Powerlessness Today*, moderated by Fr. Wilbur Thomas, St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Hickory, N.C. Speakers were the Rev. George Cave of Episcopal Churches in Little Switzerland, N.C. and Tampa Fla., and Rabbi Wilson.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Gerber of Charlotte and Fr. John Haughey spoke



on the topic, *How Does Religion Today Deal with Tragedy and Suffering?* The session was moderated by the Rev. Arthur Korthueuer of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. All sessions were ended with question and discussion periods, admittedly not long enough. Participants were so inspired that most would have appreciated an opportunity to express their thoughts.

Before departing on the last morning, a "wrap-up" session was held by a panel of the speakers to try to respond to "How Do We Carry What We Have Learned and Experienced to Our Cities, Towns and Congregants?" Dr. Carl Evans substituted as moderator for Maurice Weinstein, Attorney-at-Law in Charlotte, who unfortunately had to leave the previous evening, and was missed, because he serves on the Interfaith Institute planning committee with great input, due to his many years of interfaith activity.

In summation, as repeatedly throughout the dialogue, the call to action was stressed, action inspired by faith in God whose prophets pleaded for justice and righteous behavior.

The need for more time for response by participants was articulated at the end of this final session, and many, many tributes were paid to planners, speakers and the facilities of Wildacres, as well as to those who have made these Institutes possible with financial support.

Carl Evans reminded us that religion is a world view and a way of life for a particular people, and that views and actions are connected. Thinking and doing are connected, as parts of the same head or mind. Action occurs subtly and quietly, influenced by thinkers. Therefore, he exhorted the assemblage not to underestimate the effect one can have on his or her community.

Rabbi Gerber expressed the feelings of others who have attended past Interfaith Institutes when he said that this one has been like a reunion. The feeling of camaraderie that comes in meeting people of different beliefs and enjoying the con-

tact makes us realize that we are much the same. Rabbi Gerber felt that a thread ran through the sessions, the relationship with God and each other, pulling us all together.

The general chairman of the 11th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Dialogue held in Charleston, S.C., in March of this year was Russell Norris, who joined this Institute for the first time. Called upon for his impressions, he said that the openness of the dialogue was remarkable. We have, indeed, moved beyond the "tea party" manner of dialogue into willingness to share the deepest aspects of our lives. Dr. Norris reminded us that ours is the only democracy which does not coalesce into opposing parties. He observed that no woman was a principal speaker, and although one had committed herself and did not come, we should endeavor to enlist more women for our program next year as speakers. The Rev. Dr. Russell Bradner Norris, Jr. has been appointed as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of Contextual Education at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and the Wildacres Interfaith Institute has gained a treasure of knowledge and experience in him.

The Rev. George Cave opened his remarks with "Let me tell you about Leo Hoffman—words fail me." Somehow, tributes to Leo are sometimes paid this way. George Cave explained that what he meant was that Leo has set the tone which has become natural for these Interfaith Institutes, allowing levity which is part of our common humanity. What a benefit it is to laugh together! It needs to be remembered that some of the best humor of the Institute was contributed by the Rev. Cave.

Fr. Wilbur Thomas pointed to our need for better understanding of the Afro-American community. The Rev. James Ferree and the Rev. Clifford Jones who have participated in former Institutes had to cancel their speaking assignments at the last moment, and the loss of these two well loved black members was keen-

ly felt. However, Wilbur Thomas expressed his view that our thinking is largely European in background and that it does not represent Afro-American mentality. He elaborated on the metaphor mentioned by George Cave of the large plant which grows from the tiny mustard seed; voices of participants suggested that our seeds have produced not only roots and a trunk, but leaves and even "lots of good fruit."

Someone reminded us that we might invite political officials to future Institutes. Sue Myrick, Mayor of Charlotte, did attend our 1988 Institute.

Once again we have been told that the task of *Tikun Olam*, the repair of the universe, is not for us to complete, but neither are we permitted to desist therefrom.

A highlight of the Institute was the emphasis on the effects of pluralism on American society. Having written and spoken on that subject often in the past, I will refrain from more praise of that particularly American characteristic.

Future Interfaith Institutes will encourage participants to bring to Wildacres members of different congregations, so that when they return home they may continue to build interfaith dialogue started here.

The experience of the Wildacres Interfaith Institute with its exposure to different ideas is a journey traveled together, to which everyone contributed. My intention was to convey my appreciation of the atmosphere which prevailed during this period. I fear it is no more easily done than is a description of Wildacres; no matter how one tries to tell about it, on arrival a newcomer always says, "I didn't expect anything like this." Let me say that this assemblage is the cream of our society, enriching the soul of each participant. The stimulation of the dialogue and communication restores the spirit as do the mountains in which the conference gathers. What better appellation can I use than that uttered by Rabbi Marc Wilson: It is indeed "The Beloved Community."

## First the Saturday People

by Dr. Mitchell G. Bard

Editor of *Near East Report*

*The following is reprinted from the **Near East Report**, Aug. 28, 1989:*

Where are the Arab ambassadors' wives who became the toast of the talk-show circuit? Where are the ad hoc committees like the National Emergency Committee on Lebanon? Where are Jesse Jackson, Edward Said, Noam Chomsky, Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, Pete McCloskey and the others who signed ads and wrote opinion pieces expressing concern for the fate of Lebanon?

They are nowhere to be found. Why? Because they did not care a whit for the Lebanese. They were only interested in Lebanon to the extent it could be used to attack Israel for its 1982 invasion. Today, the carnage is a result of inter-Arab warfare. So, who cares?

The international community that routinely condemns every Israeli action and is obsessed with an international peace conference to solve the "Palestinian question" is only minimally concerned by the slaughter of Lebanese. More than 700 people have been killed since March. About 250,000 fled Beirut in one week. Approximately 250,000, mostly Shiites, have found refuge in Israel's security zone.

Now that it is finally becoming clear to even the most reluctant of the Europeans that Syria and its Muslim allies are trying to annihilate the Christian community, some muted objections are being issued.

Of course, the United Nations has not seen fit to condemn Syria. The Security Council has called for a truce, but the Arab states at the UN are determined to prevent the Western nations from intervening in their tribal warfare.

Under Ronald Reagan, Lebanon was viewed as a strategic asset; that is, until Shiites began attacking U.S. Marines and the casualties mounted. It then became just another country.

George Bush started out with a similar attitude toward Lebanon. One of the reasons he became upset

with Israel was that the seizure of Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid forced him to pay attention to Lebanon. The Administration sees the situation more as a nuisance, however, because it complicates efforts to gain the release of the hostages and, more importantly, the grander design of improving relations with Hafez Assad and bringing Syria into the peace process.

By contrast, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Aug. 15 that "regretfully, we are witnessing genocide at the hands of the Syrians and no one is lifting a finger. The world is standing by while Syrian artillery is crushing Beirut." Foreign Minister Moshe Arens telephoned the foreign ministers of France, Spain, England and Italy as well as Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger to emphasize that "every hour can be critical for the civilian population of Lebanon." Arens noted that a dangerous precedent is set when there is no international reaction to this kind of arbitrary mass killing.

All of this is serving as a lesson to Israelis. They remember the saying popular in the region before the Six-Day War: "First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people." As historian Bernard Lewis has written, "The Saturday people have proved unexpectedly recalcitrant, and recent events in Lebanon indicate that the priorities may have been reversed."

## Where There Is No Debate

by Abraham H. Foxman

National Director of the Anti-Defamation League

For two years, scientists and those concerned with medical ethics have been intensely debating the question of whether or not researchers today should use data from deadly Nazi medical experiments, especially if the data could save lives. "If I were faced with an eight-year-old child who might die," observed Robert L. Berger, a physician and professor at the Harvard University School of Medicine, "and I went to the library and found [the results of Nazi experiments] and it might help,

I would have a real dilemma."

Some 30 different experiments were conducted by the Nazis on Jews, Gypsies, the mentally ill and others whom the Nazis deemed racially unfit. They were not only unfit, the Nazis and their supporters believed, they undermined the "body politic." Experiments included exposure of death camp inmates to toxic gas phosgene to test for an antidote; cold-water experiments to see how long Nazi pilots, whose planes were shot down into the icy waters of the North Sea, could live under such conditions; the infliction of gunshot wounds to test the effectiveness of drugs, and the simulation of high-altitude decompression to see at what heights man could go before passing out or dying.

As recorded in the transcripts of the Nuremberg trials, Nazi doctors defended their behavior and it is the basis of their defense that forms part of the present debate. They claimed that many citizens of the state were helped by sacrificing only a few; that these few were already targeted for death; that the fate of the doomed was not the concern of scientists, who transcend politics in pursuit of value-free truths; and that, in any case, they conducted these experiments according to state orders and during wartime when the norms of morality had to be suspended. The ideological motives should be acknowledged as well: Nazi doctors, half of whom joined the Nazi party, believed that murdering "undesirables" restored the nation's health. This brutal paradox was noted by Robert Jay Lifton in his book, *Nazi Doctors: Killing was an act of healing*.

Lest we dismiss these arguments as specious reasoning contrived by the defendants to save their lives, or as beliefs that only miscreants would entertain, it is important to note that they are articles of faith that continue to influence medical practitioners to the present day. Scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seriously considered utilizing the Nazi studies of gas



phosgene to determine how workers, using the gas to manufacture pesticides and plastics, were affected. (It ultimately rejected the studies.) A renowned expert on hypothermia, Robert Pozos, argues for using the cold-water experiments, believing they have scientific validity. "I believe the data can save lives," he says. "To save a life is the highest goal."

But the question is not only whether or not to save a life: we must also ask at what costs. And there are costs—heavy costs—involved in using Nazi data. Some have shown that the hypothermia data is questionable and was even deliberately falsified. Beyond that are the moral costs and these, too, have implications for us today. "Their use," commented Jay Katz, professor of law at the Yale Law School, "may dehumanize us, as conducting the experiments did the Nazi physicians. Reaping benefits from torture and murder can only demean us."

Saving a life is indeed the highest goal but why does it have to come at such high moral costs? Isn't there another way? Scientists today have at their disposal experimental technology that technicians 40-plus years ago never dreamed of having. Why rely on spurious data, or on human subjects, when scientists can test the lethal effects of toxic gas, cold water or high altitude with sophisticated research instruments? "Telerebotics," for example, permits a technician to perform dangerous, on-site experimental tasks at a safe distance.

Faced with the failing health of a dying girl or the mortal dangers of using phosgene gas, we should not have to feel forced into resorting to Nazi data for help. The scientific community should begin taking the long view by defining new research policies and by allocating the necessary resources to implement them in order to develop data that is reliable and morally acceptable. It should be possible to save human lives without dehumanizing human life.



*Mehrdad "Tony" Badiian Eghrari*

## **Mehrdad Badiian Eghrari Atlas Oriental Rug Workshop Pineville, N.C.**

**by Ruth Goldberg**

Mehrdad Badiian Eghrari, known as "Tony," is the owner of Atlas Oriental Rug Workshop, Pineville, N.C. A fifth generation specialist in rug care, Tony was born in Iran (Persia). Although he was raised in Europe, his family continued the skills of their native land and he learned the trade from them.

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## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

by Lenora Stein

The CAJE Resource Center "took the show on the road" to Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh on Sunday, Sept. 10, for a day-long program of teachers' workshops, a mini-CAJE Resource Center, networking and sharing for Jewish teachers of the region.

Co-sponsored by CAJE, Beth Meyer and Beth Or of Raleigh and the Cary Jewish Center in Cary, N.C., the program was a "sell-out." 75 Jewish teachers representing ten different schools were in attendance. The following schools were represented: Beth Meyer, Beth Or, Hillel School and Jewish Community School of Wake County, all of Raleigh; Cary Jewish Center, Cary; Beth Israel, Fayetteville; B'nai Israel, Wilmington; Beth El and Judea Reform, both of Durham; Joint Sunday School, Roanoke, Va.

CAJE looks forward to making regional teachers' workshops an annual event.

The same workshops will be repeated in Charlotte on Sunday, Nov. 5. For details, call Lenora Stein, (704) 366-1948.



*Beth Meyer Synagogue of Raleigh hosted regional CAJE teachers' workshops.*



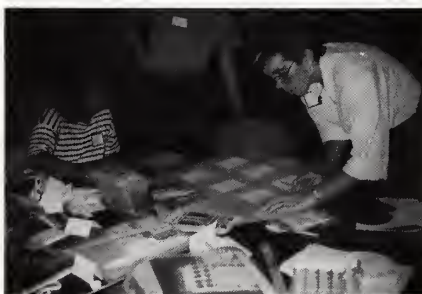
*75 teachers participate in mini-CAJE Resource Center.*



*Trudy Brodsky (standing), program director of the Kohl Jewish Teacher Center in Wilmette, Ill., led the workshops on "Classroom Management" and "Creating Instructional Materials."*



*One of the many displays of creative Jewish instructional materials from the Kohl Center which N.C.-Va. teachers adapted for their classrooms.*



*Teachers had "hands-on" time to create learning models for their classrooms.*



*Trudy Brodsky lends her expertise to teachers from B'nai Israel, Wilmington and Beth Israel, Fayetteville.*



*Audio-visual materials were used to demonstrate ideas.*



*N.C. Jewish teachers pose for group portrait at recent National CAJE Conference in Seattle, Wash. (L. to R.) Sue Brodsky, Sam Wallace, Shirley Levine (Charlotte); Ruth Gaynes (Asheville); Gizella Abramson (Raleigh); David Gaynes (Asheville); Eve Kedem (Durham); Fern Sanderson, Lenora Stein (Charlotte).*



## Israeli Government Gears Up for Privatization

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Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres announced that the government of Israel will implement a two-stage plan aimed at taking public a segment of EL AL, the national airline.

A steering committee has been put in place to handle the initial preparations. Those comprising the committee include members of the Israeli Finance Ministry, the Transport Ministry, the Authority of Government Companies and representatives of EL AL.

"Stage one of the plan is to sell 25 percent of EL AL in Israel, of which part is to include the sale of shares to EL AL employees worldwide," said Finance Minister Peres. "Stage two would involve the sale of an additional 25 percent of the company on foreign stock exchanges, but this will happen at a later date."

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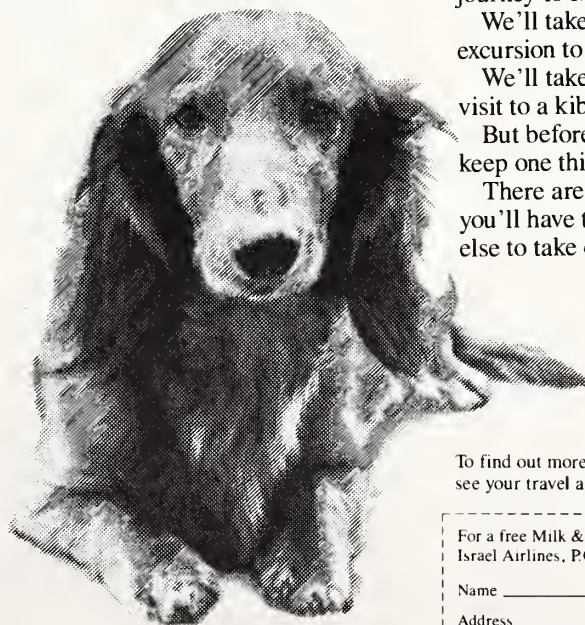
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# Kibbitzing—Community News



*Julius Aronson*

## Julius Aronson Died Statesville, N.C.

Julius Aronson, 83, of Statesville died on Aug. 26, 1989.

A well-known Statesville businessman, Aronson was owner and operator of Wallace Jewelers, and was president of the N.C. Jewelers Association. He had been a board member of the Statesville Chamber of Commerce and a representative on the City Council.

He served in the U.S. Army, 106th infantry, during World War II, and was a member of American Legion Post 65.

Mr. Aronson was a member of Temple Beth El V'Shalom in Charlotte, and was former president of Temple Emanuel in Statesville. He was instrumental in bringing the Circuit Riding Rabbi to Statesville many years ago. He was a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men.

On Dec. 25, 1941, he was married to the former Constance Wallace whose grandfather, Isaac Wallace, founded Temple Emanuel. In addition to Mrs. Aronson, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sieglinde Weiss of Durham and Mrs. JoAnne Rosenblum of Succasunna, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Feldman of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and four grandsons.

## Columbia, S.C. Federation Honors Nancy Shane and Hyman Rubin, Jr.

by Alexander Grossberg

Nancy Shane and Hyman Rubin, Jr. have been selected as this year's honorees of the Columbia Jewish Federation's Young Leadership Awards.

The selection committee consisted of past recipients of these Awards. Presentations will be made at the Federation annual meeting on December 10.

Nancy Shane is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor's degree in music, and Master's degree in music from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She moved to Columbia 14 years ago from Roanoke, Va. where she taught music and voice.

Nancy has a distinguished record of Jewish community activism including past and present service at the Beth Shalom Synagogue as member of the Board of Education, Board of Directors, and Program Vice President for the Sisterhood. At the Jewish Community Center, Nancy served 5 years on the Board of Education, as President of Pre-school PTO and as Day Camp Chairman.

She was a recipient of the Federation's Sh'ma Award for Campaign Excellence and co-chaired with her husband, Stephen, the Federation's Leadership Development Program. Nancy is a member of the Federation's Women's Cabinet and co-chairman of the Young Leaders Division in the 1990 Federation Campaign. She was also a participant in the 1986 Mission to Israel.

Her involvement with Hadassah includes service as co-chairman of the Giftwrap Program, Membership Vice President, and Bulletin Editor.

Nancy and Stephen Shane are parents of two sons: Michael (5) and Matthew (9).

Hyman Rubin, Jr. is a Columbia native, son of Senator Hyman and Rose Rubin. He graduated from Duke University with a B.A. degree and from the University of South Carolina with a Law degree.

He is a partner in the law firm of McDonald, McKenzie, Fuller, Rubin & Miller; a member of the South Carolina Bar, American Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association.

Hyman has a long and prestigious service in the Jewish community, including membership on the Jewish Community Center Board of Directors and the Tree of Life Congregation's Board. He was a recipient of the Federation's Sh'ma Award for Campaign Excellence and currently serves as the co-chairman of the David Ben Gurion Society of the 1990 Federation Campaign.

He is a First Vice President of the Columbia Jewish Federation and also active with the regional advisory board of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Hyman and Jeannie Rubin are parents to Hyman S. Rubin III (18) and Jeannie Rose Rubin (14).



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## Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.

Temple Beth Shalom held its first service in its new building on Friday evening, Aug. 25. Rabbi Kalman Bland, a professor of religion and Judaic studies at Duke University, conducted services.

The 6,000-square-foot temple, with a sanctuary, library, kitchen and rooms for religious classes, is more than six times the size of Hickory's old Jewish Center. Located about 8 miles north of downtown Hickory on N.C. 127, the new building is a simple brick and block structure. According to Al Garrick, president of the congregation, "The lack of decoration was supposed to give the impression of spirituality and closeness to nature and closeness to G-d." Windows behind the *bimah* offer a view of the wooded green that surrounds the temple.

Since the 1950s, Hickory's Jewish population has grown from about nine to 40 families. This growth prompted the need for a new building to accommodate the congregation.

## Beth Jacob Congregation Winston-Salem, N.C.

Beth Jacob Religious School concluded its busiest academic year yet this past June. Increased student enrollment—the school is open to the entire Jewish community—and expanding educational programs have encouraged the school to consider additional facilities before the fall 1989 term.

Not surprisingly, a renewed vitality and interest in observing a more rigorous conservative religious agenda has introduced additional challenges and obligations to the school as well as the congregation.

The school's curriculum includes Hebrew school, religious school and Bar and Bat Mitzvah training.

Please contact Beth Jacob Congregation for further information.

Beginning the summer of 1989, the synagogue is offering Saturday

morning services on a regular basis. These services will continue throughout the year and will be held in addition to the regular Friday night services.

This past spring, the synagogue hosted a medical ethics forum entitled "Life, Law and Religion" which drew a full house. The participants were Rabbi Aaron Mackler, Dr. Steven Block of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Professor Michael Gerhardt of Wake Forest University School of Law.

This was the first of a series of forums, continuing through the 1989-1990 season, which will address medical and ethical issues. These forums will draw upon Rabbi Mackler's work in a doctoral program in philosophy at the Kennedy School of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. The Rabbi has spent his summer working on his doctoral thesis and will return on a regular basis during the 1989-1990 season to preside over services.

Furthermore, Rabbi and Mrs. Mackler welcomed a new arrival, Hannah Elizabeth, on July 6.

This past June, Steven Schkolne, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Benzion Schkolne, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Western Wall in Jerusalem, where his relatives gathered from all over the world. It is reported that he performed brilliantly.

In addition, the congregation welcomed another new arrival, Maxx Rachel Wasser, the fourth child of David and Liza Wasser.

## Bioethical Decision Making Charlotte, N.C.

by Verna Shelden

For most of us the most difficult decisions that we must make concerning those we love occur when we feel least prepared to make them. On September 7 and 14, a gathering of "neighbors" met at Shalom Park to participate in a workshop sponsored by Bioethics Resource Group, Ltd. The participants were introduced to basic skills that are valua-

ble aids to ethical decision making in the event of life and death decisions.

The participants listened as Mr. Scott Lindsay, Chaplain of Presbyterian Hospital, presented issues concerning Bioethics and the state of medical care provision today. Given the tremendous technological advances that make it possible for life to be sustained beyond what had previously been possible, many of us have become disenfranchised from the decision making process concerning those we love.

The position of the Bioethics Resource Group is to help us through community workshops and public education to recognize our "right and responsibility to participate." "Bioethics deserves and demands our careful attention."

Other physician members of the group, doctors Jessica Schorr Saxe, Mark O'Rourke and Bill Porter, led discussion groups in which a model for ethical principles was introduced to the audience and was used in discussing actual case studies.

These workshops are of the utmost importance to all of us. The Bioethics Resource Group, Ltd. will be conducting future workshops around the Charlotte community. Consider what critical tools this unique community organization of dedicated men and women representing the religious, medical and general community can provide for you for that most difficult moment in your life.

The congregation members of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Christ Lutheran Church, Sardis Presbyterian Church, and St. Stephen United Methodist Church were involved in planning the two evenings.

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## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Shabbat Friendship Circle is continuing its survey course of Comparative Religion. On Sept. 9 the group explored the faith and practices of the American Indian. A Cherokee Chief was the speaker.

Sisterhood held an ice-cream-sundae Oneg Shabbat, Aug. 11, and a catered Shabbat dinner, Aug. 18. The congregation enjoyed both.

Brotherhood has prepared its annual calendar of activities for the coming year.

Heritage Sabbath is the time when we focus on the history of Congregation Beth ha-Tephila. It was celebrated this year on Aug. 25 when the new Temple officers were installed. In addition to those listed in the last article, Jerry Haller was installed as the assistant treasurer. Also installed for a 3-year term on the Board of Trustees were Richard Dreckler, Susan Linn and Barbara Whitaker; to a 2-year term, Scott Lebensburger, Barbara Levy and Jean Moore; to a 1-year term, Hyman Dave, Richard Braun and Hilde Hoffman. Ex officio members of the Board are Rabbi Ronald Bluming, Brotherhood president Carl Rosenberg and Sisterhood president Muriel Marks.

### The Selichot Service

An ancient tradition adopted by the Temple, the Selichot Service, serving as a musical reminder of the High Holy Day season, was held on Friday, Sept. 23. Following a moving performance of melodies typical of

the season, a meet-the-choir reception was held in honor of Pamela Simmons, contralto; Hannah Pennell, soprano; John W. Semmingson, tenor; William Vernon, bass, and Jean Valerio, our gifted music director and organist.

William Vernon replaces Evan Chesney, who left the choir to further his education. Mr. Vernon spent the last 30 years as an educator in the White Plains Public School System in New York, meanwhile pursuing a professional singing career.

Although the lyric bass is primarily an opera singer, his basso cantate voice, trained in the Italian school, has lent itself to a wide range of musical styles. He has performed in repertory companies and in liturgical settings, on TV and on recordings. Mr. Vernon and his wife, Shirley, have 4 children.

On Yom Kippur, the Constance Head Study Hour will start at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 9, after the morning service and musical program. The topic for discussion will be "The Many Meanings of God." The late Dr. Head was a convert to Judaism and a member of our Temple.

The Religious School began its season with a Parent-Teacher Orientation Day and registration, Sept. 10, and classes on Sept. 17.

Mazel Tovs to Geoff and Elissa Brown on the birth of Kori Miriam Brown, June 1; to Leslie Winner and Ken Schorr of Charlotte on the birth of Lilian Ilana Schorr, granddaughter of Julianne Winner, June 10.

We welcome new members, Dr. David and Lorna Katz and their

children, Meredith and Abby, and newlyweds, Marshall and Susan Kanner.

## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

The members of our synagogue got together for a well-attended "fress-out" at the home of Dr. Murray Seidel during the summer. Plentiful food included fried chicken, gefilte fish, desserts galore and other goodies. The best part was that everyone sat around and "schmoozed" and got to know one another including new members on a person to person basis. Thanks, Murray, for the use of your wonderful grounds, and many kudos to Walter Pancoe and his crew for the layout of the food.

Sunday School started in September with higher standards set for classes. We encourage our children to learn more about Judaism and the life of Jews at home and around the world.

The new season began with services Sept. 8 and big plans for all the holidays. We wish all of you a happy and bountiful New Year.

## Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah is beginning a new project for Jewish Family Services. We will be collecting canned goods for Jewish families in need. Collection will take place on the second Friday of each month from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. at the preschool drop-off site at Shalom Park. Canned goods can also be brought to Jewish Family Services at any time. There is a great need for this service in our community, and we appreciate everyone's help to feed our hungry. For more information, or to volunteer your time to this project, please call Lari Massachi at 535-4747.

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teers for telephone solicitation for the Leukemia Society. Many of our members are already involved in telephone solicitation for this and other important causes.

Halailah has a new representative on the North Carolina Hillel Board. Hillel is a college organization for Jewish Youth sponsored by B'nai B'rith. Rachel Rosenfeld will represent Halailah at board meetings this year.

We plan to do much needed repairs and painting at Rachel House, the Temple Israel shelter for homeless women and children. A number of items are needed for this project. If you can donate twin bedding, comforters, portacrib sheets, baby quilts, toys or labor, please contact Jennie Snyder at 845-1394.

Halailah will participate in the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Sample Sale on October 16. At our booth, we will be selling original Chanukah gift items, as well as computer books and personalized cards. Orders can be taken after the sample sale by calling Jennie Snyder at 845-1394.

Our next program meeting will be on October 17 at the new and expanded main branch library. We will receive a guided tour of the whole facility, and then explore areas of interest. Members will meet at the Jewish Community Center at 7:00 p.m. and carpool to the library. The tour will begin at 7:30. After seeing the library, we will go out for dessert and discussion at a restaurant.

Our next membership social, to be held on October 18, will be a Sukkot party at the home of Eileen Darholt at 501 Merwick Circle. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in her Sukkah. Anyone interested in joining Halailah should call Jackie Stutts at 364-8360 or Meredith Glazer at 365-3242.

### **Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women by Estelle Goozner**

Charlotte Chapter BBW held a covered dish luncheon for members around the pool at Elizabeth Klein's

home, Aug. 9. The annual Personal Giving Luncheon took place at Rain-tree Country Club on Sept. 6. New and prospective members gathered for a Membership Brunch at the home of Beth Linderman, Sept. 19.

Charlotte Chapter again won many awards at the South Atlantic Regional Conference last May. Recognitions were as follows: a national first place for excellence in ongoing public relations; first place for an outstanding single project—Prayer at City Council meetings, and for highest amount of oversubscription dollars; second place for best Comprehensive Community Service, best ongoing project—Howell Center, most unique fundraising meeting—Creating Personal Memories—Personal Giving, highest percentage of membership enrolled as special Gift Club members, most effective fund raising event—Gift Wrap; third place for highest percentage oversubscription; Certificate of Excellence for Best Individual Chapter Meeting program—Human Relations Award Luncheon Meeting; recognition for enrollment of 15% or more BBW Life Members, and for reaching membership campaign goal.

The Chapter is active in "A Child's Place" which provides a transitional classroom for homeless children. This classroom will accommodate up to 30 children in grades K-6. Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system staffs the program and prepares curriculum. Community volunteers help and support the program.

A collection box for prescription eyeglasses for the needy is located at Temple Beth El V'Shalom.

### **Alive Class**

Rose Naiman reported that the "Alive" class celebrated its Bat Mitzvah with a luncheon for all past and present participants, Sept. 21. Dr. Mary Thomas Burke and Rabbi Israel J. Gerber were among the dignitaries participating in the ceremonies.

"Alive" was born in 1976, albeit under a different name, as an educational project of Charlotte Chapter of BBW, with a handful of women. This course is now co-sponsored with the Jewish Community Center and boasted an enrollment in 1988 of 58 students.

Dr. Burke, Chair of the Department of Human Services at UNC Charlotte, has from its inception coordinated the semi-annual series of eight presentations each, on topics deemed timely and important to the membership.

Traditionally the Bat Mitzvah examines the road of life behind her, for its growth and accomplishments and contemplates the path to take in the future. For its 13th year, the "Alive" group has appropriately chosen for consideration "Today's Woman: Where is Her Focus?" The fall 1989 series began Sept. 27 at Shalom Park with Joan Gordon as chair.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Lubavitch Preschool and Dayschool

Lubavitch Preschool and Dayschool in Charlotte opened this year with more students (over 50) and more grades than ever before. The growth of the school is a clear indication of the success of the school and the satisfaction of Charlotte Jewish parents with the high quality education the school provides for its children.

On Aug. 24 the school formally introduced the parents to the teachers of the preschool and dayschool at a cookout held at Chabad House. Rabbi Yossi Groner began the evening with a parable equating young children with precious jewels, and how through delicate care the teacher is able to polish the child into a sparkling jewel.

Mariashi Groner explained the rules and regulations of the school, and then introduced each of the teachers to the parents. The teachers met with the parents in their classrooms and gave them an outline of

the school year. Parents were pleased with the evening which gave them the opportunity to ask questions and examine the materials their children will study during the year. They were especially pleased with the warm reception they received from the teachers.

Talmud Torah began in mid-September with an expanded schedule and higher enrollment. It was just in time to prepare the children for the High Holy Days and the holidays which follow the rest of the month.

The school has been tastefully decorated by Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, with colorful hand made wall posters and crafts which help the children identify the upcoming holidays.

The school children participated in the Shofar factory which also attracted a large crowd of children from the community.

On Succot there will be a major holiday celebration at the Chabad

House Succah. This will give many children an opportunity to experience eating in a Succah and observing the Mitzvah of Lulav and Etrog.

### Simchat Torah Celebration

On the evening of October 21, which is the Saturday night that ushers in Simchat Torah, there will be a major Hakafot celebration at the Chabad House. It has become a spectacular event as the joy and excitement reaches the level of "Simchat Yom Tov," genuine holiday joy. There will be a full buffet spread, with plenty of L'chaim and spirit.

### Lubavitch of Raleigh

Rabbi Pinchus Herman, director of Lubavitch activities in Raleigh, has been busy organizing exciting projects in his new community: a Shofar factory for children, a community wide Succot party and special introduction to High Holy Day services.

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*Mariashi Groner explaining school rules at parents' evening in Charlotte.*



*Bunks Beit and Gimel at final performance, Myrtle Beach Day Camp.*



Rabbi Herman and his wife, Helana, are teaching Judaica at the Hillel School. This is in addition to the Talmud Torah that meets several times a week at the Lubavitch Center.

### **New Lubavitch Rabbi Arrives in Myrtle Beach, S.C.**

A new Lubavitch family joined the Myrtle Beach community last June to help with the fast growing Lubavitch activities directed by Rabbi Doron and Leah Aizenman.

Rabbi Yosef Naparstek has assumed the position of program director at the Myrtle Beach Chabad House, and has already affected a positive change with the increase of quality Jewish programming. Rabbi Naparstek is a native Israeli and has graduated from the Lubavitch Rabbinical School in Kfar Chabad, Israel. He received his rabbinic ordination at the Central United Lubavitcher Yeshivah in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Chanie Naparstek is a graduate of the Beth Rivkah Teaching Seminary in Brooklyn and is currently Judaica teacher at Chabad Academy in Myrtle Beach.

Gan Israel Day Camp, a project of Chabad of Myrtle Beach, had its most successful summer in its three year history. Enrollment was at an all time high of 85 campers, mostly local children. Rabbi Aizenman indicated that many Jewish vacationers and tourists were amazed to dis-



*Rabbi Yosef and Chani Naparstek.*

cover the large amount of Jewish children in the community.

### **Chabad Academy**

The Chabad Academy has expanded this year with new first and second grades, reports Leah Aizenman, director of the school.

The curriculum is prepared in accordance with the standards set by

local universities which have taken an active interest in the progress of the school. The school prides itself in the ability of teaching its students two complete languages—English and Hebrew—in a wholesome and complementary way.

### **New Addition To Chabad House**

In response to the declaration of the Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, The Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, that this year is the year of **building**, Lubavitch Chabad of Myrtle Beach has added a new building to the existing Chabad House. The new building which gives the school an additional 4,000 square feet was completed just in time to handle the growth in the enrollment of the school and expansion in the Chabad House activities.

The new two story building is a welcome addition to the Myrtle Beach community and is a signal of more Jewish life to come to Coastal Carolina. An open house celebration is planned for the latter part of October.



*Mock wedding at Myrtle Beach Day Camp.*

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**Beth Israel Synagogue  
Asheville, North Carolina**  
by Lillian R. Wellisch

Ruth Gaynes, the new principal of the Sunday School, reports that Sunday School classes started Sept. 10, and that the Sunday School year, in addition to the regularly scheduled classes, will have an outstanding music program and many holiday-related special activity days.

Shirley Kayne, head of the Ritual Committee, thanks Harry Lerner for the chanting of the Torah at the celebration of the 80th birthday of Dr. Noah Benninga on July 8. She also appreciates the special efforts of Morris Tenenbaum and the choir for conducting services on July 14; Joe Gullotta, David Kayne, Harry Lerner and Erika Laibson, for leading services on July 15; and Dr. Hal Rotman for reading the Torah for us on July 22.

Special appreciation to Dr. Norman Sollod, who has been inspiring us with his Torah Studies on Saturday mornings.

During this period when we did not have a rabbi, *Todah Rabah* to all those who have been conducting services during the week and on Shabbat.

**"Confronting Anti-Semitism"**

To help the Jewish community respond effectively to anti-Semitic

incidents, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has produced two videotapes with discussion guides and two pamphlets under the overall title, "Confronting Anti-Semitism."

The videotapes, "A How-To For Jewish Youth" and "A Family Awareness Project," simulate various scenarios—such as swastika scrawlings, "jokes," anti-Jewish comments, and school policies which conflict with religious observances.

"A How-To For Jewish Youth" presents youths reenacting multiple situations. This tape was produced with automatic pauses, leaving ample time for discussion on how each incident should be handled.

"A Family Awareness Project" presents three scenarios designed to evoke discussion between parents and children on anti-Semitism generally and how to respond to specific incidents. It is geared for 12 to 15-year olds.

The ADL pamphlet, "Guidelines For Jewish Parents," spells out ways in which young victims of anti-Semitism can be helped. The "Guidelines for the Jewish Community" pamphlet defines and puts into perspective examples of current anti-Semitism and how they can be confronted. The third pamphlet, "Guidelines for the Christian Community," will be published by ADL this fall.

The videotapes, guides and pam-

phlets in the "Confronting Anti-Semitism" series are available from the Anti-Defamation League, Marketing Department, 823 United Nations Plaza, N.Y., N.Y., 10017. Each video with guide is \$29.95, plus \$5 for shipping and handling. The pamphlets are \$1.25 each, with special rates for bulk orders.

Following is an excerpt from the booklet, "Guidelines for the Jewish Community":

**It's Against the Law**

As of 1988, 43 states had laws aimed at deterring anti-Semitic and other bias-related crimes. Most impose stiffer penalties for activities that already constitute a crime—such as vandalism—if they are racially or religiously targeted or show evidence of biased intent. A number of states have passed "parental liability" statutes, enabling victims to claim damages in a civil suit separate from the criminal action.

A federal statute passed by Congress in 1988 imposes fines of up to \$250,000 and/or ten years in prison for causing substantial damage to a religious institution or cemetery, or serious bodily injury to anyone trying to exercise his or her religious beliefs.

A 1987 Supreme Court decision (*Shaare Tefila Congregation v. Cobb*) provides a new avenue of redress for victims of ethnic violence, making it easier to bring suit for civil damages. In the fight against hate crime, law enforcement agencies play an important role. Many police departments have guidelines for handling such cases; some designate special investigators; large departments may even have a separate unit devoted to this purpose.



Josh Burston of Greensboro is second from left. The U.S. Maccabiah Rugby Team entertains 1,000 guests at July 4th U.S.A. Team Party, after an introduction from the U.S. Ambassador to Israel.



Josh Burston (white shirt #14) is on rugby field in game, U.S. vs. Israel, which gave U.S. Rugby Team a bronze medal, score 24-6.



## Putting Jewish Humor on the Map (of Israel)

by Ava Carmel

(WZPS)

"I've always wondered what Jewish humor is, exactly," he says.

"What do you think it is?"

"It's a way of yelling."

"What use is it?"

"The power of cries is so great that it will shatter the rigors decreed against man."

from "The Dance of Genghis Cohn"

by Romain Gary

"I take humor very seriously," says

Dr. Avner Ziv, fingering an unlit cigar. "Jews are considered by everyone in the world to have the greatest sense of humor, but what is Jewish humor and in what ways can it be differentiated from other types of humor?"

Relatives are gathered for the reading of the will.

"And to my cousin Louie whom I promised to remember in my will—Hello Louis!"

### Humor to Diffuse Tension

Dr. Ziv is Associate Professor of the School of Education at the Tel Aviv University. He is also the driving force behind the Third International Conference on Jewish Humor, which took place in June of this year, at the university. Twenty-six scholars from around the world presented papers and one question raised was, "What happened to Jewish Humor in Israel?"

Israel wants peace—a piece of Lebanon, a piece of Jordan, a piece of Syria.

"Twenty years ago, I was part of a team of psychologists sent to Israel's northern border, to study the effects of anxiety on the children of the kibbutzim," explains Dr. Ziv. "The Syrians were bombarding constantly and children were literally living underground, in the shelters. We found that on kibbutzim where humor was used, the level of anxiety was lower. Intrigued, I set out to study why this was so, but found that absolutely no research had been done on the subject. This I found strange, and when a Jew sees a strange phenomenon he jumps right in." Professor Ziv has since written eight books about humor.

Moshe returns from his first day in grade one.

"How did it go?," asks his worried mother.

"Not so well. I have to go back again tomorrow."

Through conferences like these, he says, "I hope to show people that this is a serious question—why people laugh and what laughter can do in personal relationships. For example, What keeps couples together? What causes problems in relationships? Most people use humor to diffuse tension, but husbands tend to use it more. Wives who appreciate their husbands' humor are likely to be more satisfied with their marital relations."

"Morris, please shut the window. It's cold outside".

"And if I shut the window, will it be warm outside?"

### The Shlemiel

"In my lecture, 'No Place for the Shlemiel: Israeli Humor and Character,'" says Dr. Ziv, "I tried to explain what the shlemiel is and how he became a hero, or rather an anti-hero in Jewish humor. The shlemiel is rather naive and doesn't play by the rules. He believes that might is not right and justice will prevail in the end.

A Jewish tailor was beaten up by two members of the Gestapo, who asked him, "Who was responsible for our defeat?" "The Jews and the pretzel makers," replied the tailor. "Why the pretzel makers?" asked one of the Nazis. "Why the Jews?"

This type of minority humor developed in the shtetls of Eastern Europe. The Shlemiel also prospered in America, where he has been perfected by Woody Allen. Dr. Richard Freadman, of the University of Western Australia, gave a lecture entitled "Love Among the Stereotypes, or why Woody's Women Leave." His theory is that women are attracted to the Woody character because he is a lovable shlemiel, but eventually have to leave him because of "sexual obsolescence," that is, precisely because he is a shlemiel. Following the lecture there was an animated discussion about whether Woody Allen is himself a shlemiel. No, was the unanimous decision.

### No Shlemiels in Israel?

In Israel the shlemiel hasn't fared so well. He was present in the early years of the State, especially in the humor of Levi Eshkol, Israel's third Prime Minister, whose daughter Ofra Nevo-Eshkol has just published a book of his anecdotes. She considers him "a link between the Jewish humor of the Diaspora and that of the Zionist movement." This is just the kind of self-disparaging humor that is sorely lacking in present day Israel.

One year, in his Independence Day speech, Eshkol announced, "We are on the brink of an abyss." The next year he announced, "We have taken one giant step forward."

"Those who immigrated to Israel came to build a new country and a new Jew," says Dr. Ziv. "Immense changes also took place in the functions humor fulfilled in their lives. The characteristics of Israelis are exactly the opposite of the shlemiel. You have to be strong, never show your weaknesses. Might is right. So in present-day Israeli humor we have virtually no trace of the shlemiel."

The military operation began at dawn. As the trucks were moving out, one officer asked another, "What is our objective?" "The Suez Canal." "And what do we do in the afternoon?"

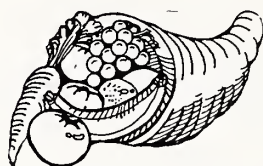
"Israeli humor today is aggressive and cynical," says Professor Ziv, "and reflects the present state of the country." No longer daring to laugh at themselves, Israelis poke fun at politicians, especially Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, who has been the butt of countless jokes.

David Levy bought a new oven. Several days later he returned to the store, claiming it didn't work. "I put in a chicken casserole," he said, "turned it to 'off' (chicken in Hebrew) and nothing happened."

Summing things up, Dr. Ziv advocated the return of the Shlemiel! "Even Israelis are really shlemiels, but they're afraid to show it. They take themselves too seriously. If we could be more human, we could laugh at ourselves and see how ridiculous we are. We need people from the Diaspora to help us get back our Jewish sense of humor."



# Tradition in the Kitchen



The Festival of Sukkot, beginning Friday evening, Oct. 13 through Oct. 21, is observed in a Sukkah, a small enclosure outdoors, decorated with fruits, vegetables and leafy branches.

A good source of information on the holiday is the *Sukkah Manual*, published by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. It offers instructions on how to build and decorate your own sukkah and includes suggestions for arts and crafts activities, songs and games for children.

The following are recipes from the *Sukkah Manual*.

## Moussaka

2 lb. eggplant  
Oil or margarine  
2 lb. ground meat  
1 cup chopped onions  
4 Tbsp. tomato paste  
6 Tbsp. red wine or tomato juice  
4 Tbsp. chopped parsley  
Dash of cinnamon  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
Salt and pepper to taste  
4 eggs  
3 tomatoes  
Bread crumbs

Trim off ends of eggplant but do not peel. Cut vertically into 1/8-inch slices. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange outside slices of eggplant against insides of a baking pan. Place other slices in rows, slightly overlapping. Add 1 cup of water; cover closely with foil; bake until soft (20 minutes to 1/2 hour). Pour off liquid and let slices stand until cool.

In a large frying pan, heat 4 tablespoons of oil or margarine. Saute the meat and onions until brown. Add tomato paste, wine or tomato juice, parsley, cinnamon, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Simmer over moderate heat, stirring frequently, until all the juice has been absorbed. Mix in eggs.

Grease a baking dish. Arrange a layer of eggplant slices along the bottom. Cover with a layer of meat mixture; alternate layers, ending with eggplant. Slice and arrange tomatoes on top. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 35 minutes. This dish will improve with standing; reheat before serving. Serves 8.

## Mandelbrodt

6 eggs  
1 1/2 cups oil  
2 cups sugar  
Grated rind and juice of 1/2 lemon and 1/2 orange  
1 tsp. almond extract  
1 cup coarsely chopped almonds  
5 1/3 cups flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
Pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients together to form a very thick batter. Pour one inch deep into long, narrow, greased tins. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes until light brown. Test with toothpick. (It will come out dry if cake is done). Slice while warm into 3/8-inch slices; toast in oven.

## Sukkot Apple Cake

### Apple Mixture:

6 medium sliced apples  
3 tsp. cinnamon  
5 Tbsp. sugar  
Dash of nutmeg

### Batter:

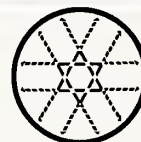
3 cups flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup oil  
1/4 cup orange juice  
2 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Mix ingredients for apple mixture. Sift together dry ingredients for batter. Then add oil, orange juice, vanilla and eggs. Mix thoroughly.

Grease large tube pan well. Spread half the batter on bottom; add one half of apple mixture. Add rest of batter, then remaining apple mix. Bake in 350 degree oven for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Cool.



## MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger



### Yom Kippur 5750: If we are in a position to help, are we not in fact obliged to help?

As we experience a fast of choice that will end with certainty at sundown on Yom Kippur, we use that time for self-examination and reflection. We reflect not only on our past year and the one to come, but also on the world around us.

Tragically, that world contains **one billion hungry people**; 40,000 of whom die each and every day of starvation or hunger-related diseases. Their fast is involuntary: Its end is not in sight **unless we help**.

Does the question then not have an easy answer?

We ask that your reply be in the form of a contribution to MAZON, equal to the amount you would have spent on food for yourself and your family on our one day of voluntary fast.

Please send your tax-deductible check to

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger**  
2940 Westwood Blvd., Suite 7  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
(213) 470-7769

### Yom Kippur 5750

**YES**, I (we) will share our bread with those desperately in need.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Theodore R. Mann, Chairman

Irving Cramer, Executive Director

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## OCTOBER 1989

## CELEBRATING THE DREAM — THE 25th YEAR

"A Miracle on the Yadkin" read the headline in the *Charlotte Observer*, September 27, 1964. An old estate on the Yadkin River was about to become the North Carolina Home for the Jewish Aged. The dream of its founders was to come true. This month we begin the 25th year of service to our communities, a year in which to celebrate our growth and a time to recall our beginning. During this anniversary year, this column will present a series recounting the history of the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Years before the Home opened its doors in 1965 for its first residents, the dream had taken root. The seed was planted at a meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1954. In a letter to C.A. McKnight, Editor of the *Observer*, dated November 24, 1964, Mr. I.D. Blumenthal gives credit to those who began the project. "... in the early strug-



gles to establish the Home project, the Jewish women in the state played an important part, having adopted the project themselves long before the men saw the need for such a service. Mrs. Irving Margolis, Mrs. Monroe Evans, and Mrs. Sam Freedman worked many hours in this connection. Another person whose contribution was vital was Mrs. Irving Richek, treasurer of the Home Building Fund for many years."

The North Carolina Association of Jewish Women had their doubts as did the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men who joined the drive. With fewer than 3,000 Jewish families in the state, would a \$500,000 goal really be reached?

"We didn't even have a site ... We'd ask people for money and they'd say, 'See me when

you start building,'" said I.D. Blumenthal according to an article by Paul Jablow, *Charlotte Observer*, September 27, 1964. However, Mr. Blumenthal had an idea. The Hebrew letters of the word Chai, meaning, "life," have the numeral value of 18. "If people gave \$18 a month for 55 months and \$10 for the last month, that would be exactly \$1,000. Mr. Blumenthal chose 18 men (a lucky number) who could give this amount and he sold them on the idea too. The association then had the impetus to proceed on, the drive became larger — and even less orthodox. No contributions over \$1,000 were accepted. "We had a principle of asking equally," said Blumenthal. The new plan worked well and, by 1964, 450 people out of 500 asked were then sold on the project. But in the late 50's, there was still no site and when people asked, I.D. Blumenthal said. "Give me your pledge and God will provide."

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# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

by Margaret Nystrom and  
Shelby Porter



*Lena Zimmerman stays young and enjoys attending parties like the Hawaiian Luau.*

- **Lena Zimmerman Celebrates 103 Years** — On August 25, Lena Zimmerman celebrated her 103rd birthday. A-wing residents joined the celebration singing happy birthday and enjoying the birthday cake and other goodies that had been prepared for this happy occasion. A surprise visit from Lena's family was the icing on the cake!!
- **Salem Community Orchestra** — What a wonderful orchestra! Over 20 people volunteered their time and talent to play pop favorites for residents on August 27. Everything from gallon-type drums to the piccolo were played with finesse as residents clapped and whistled in time to the music. Orchestra members chatted with residents over refreshments. We will look forward to more timely tunes in the future.

- **Senior Citizens Bingo Party** — BJH residents were part of the crowd of over 500 older adults participating in this annual event at the Convention Center in Winston-Salem on August 4. This was a winning day for our residents who received bingo prizes, door prizes, refreshments, and a good time.
- **The Spirits Soared** — On August 16, BJH residents once more braved a rainy night for an evening of hot dogs and cokes at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem. The Winston-Salem Spirits were in rare form and residents cheered for each hit, waved flags, and sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." It was truly an enjoyable evening for all.
- **Social With Cheryl** — On August 2, residents and staff bid farewell to our student volunteer, Cheryl Pfau, as she headed back to Western Carolina for the start of her junior year. Cheryl spent the summer with us and we'll miss her! Ice cream sundaes with all the works (whipped cream, chocolate sauce, nuts and, of course, a cherry to top it all off) sweetened the goodbye's.



*BJH resident Helene Baruch, on the right, enjoys lunch with Rita Satloff, a new Greensboro resident, at the Women's Organizations' Joint Luncheon.*

## WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Virginia Brown  
*Ridgeland, MI*

Sarah Glaze  
*Winston-Salem, NC*

Helen McCashin  
*Manalapan, FL*

Addie Mikels  
*Clemmons, NC*

Virgil Shepard  
*Murphy, NC*

Lilla Stallcup  
*Winston-Salem, NC*

Cordie Teague  
*Germanton, NC*

Percy Whetstone  
*Greensboro, NC*

*(Celebrate the Dream continued)*

"Celebrating the 25th" to be continued next month. Information and photographs you would like to share should be sent to Sue Clein, Blumenthal Jewish Home, P.O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012.



# FAIR OAKS

## The ABC's of It!

Keeping up with your ABC's isn't just for those heading back to school. For FAIR OAKS residents, learning is part of the weekly activity. Keeping up with your ABC's can also be fun, especially when they include art, beer, and a new coliseum. What do these subjects have in common? They're part of the special events curriculum that FAIR OAKS residents have enjoyed this past month.

A for Art meant a guided tour at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem to view the new British painting exhibit. B meant beer and a sample was included in the tour of the Stroh's Brewery in Winston-Salem. C can be pro-

nounced soft or hard as in the Coliseum Celebration. Residents enjoyed the Star-Spangled Celebration at the opening night of the new Winston-Salem Coliseum. Continuing on down the alphabet, the RSVP Recognition Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Winston-Salem was an enjoyable afternoon. This annual event honors volunteers who are members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. FAIR OAKS and Blumenthal Jewish Home residents participate as volunteers through this program.

New life at FAIR OAKS can be as stimulating as starting back to school and certainly is as E-Z as learning your ABC's.



*Anna Schleicher was a happy volunteer when the mailing project for the Piedmont Opera Theater was completed.*



*Fay Wexler, Ida Feinberg, Esther Pearson, and Anna Shapiro were delighted to be guests at the Greensboro Women's Organization Luncheon.*

# SUE's NEWS

## Volunteers come and go



*Harriett Wallach, volunteer, and Jane Rosenberg, BJH resident, look forward to a shopping day at Hanes Mall.*

Volunteers come and go. That's an old story but at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, we welcome both those who come and those who go.

We would like you to meet new volunteers who have come to us in the past few months and are always on the go.

Harriett Wallach is a member of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. She recently retired from her own business in Winston-Salem and was a former school librarian in New York. Harriett has sampled volunteer activities at the Home and is enjoying escorting residents to the Clemmons library, lunch out every Wednesday with FAIR OAKS residents, and to BJH's monthly shopping trips to Hanes Mall.

Betty Roth is a newcomer to this area. She and her husband, Harry, have recently moved from Northern Virginia to Bermuda Run right across the river. Betty also enjoys the opportunity to spend time with residents and develop relationships. Wednesday's out to lunch and monthly shopping trips are Betty's favorite projects.

Janie Douthit, retired office manager for RJR, lives close by in neighboring Clemmons. Every Tuesday is Janie's "day" at the Home and a full day it is. Arriving at 9:30 a.m., Janie assists residents to activities and delivers mail to them, often stopping for a short chat or to read a letter. Janie enjoys a lunch break with staff and other volunteers — a



*Janie Douthit, volunteer, invites you to visit her in the Gift Shop on Tuesday's from 1:00-4:00 p.m.*



*Yvette Pearlman, BJH resident, shares a very special day with Polly Strasser, coordinator of Greensboro volunteers for BJH.*

perk of the job — and then opens the Gift Shop in the Commons. Shopping for gifts? Janie will be glad to help you every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Coming and going are regular aspects of the volunteer program at BJH. Greensboro volunteers come to us monthly for the birthday bash and now have our residents going to them each month for luncheons. Lunch at Starmount Country Club is a delightful new project for these Greensboro volunteers and our "hostess with the mostess", Polly Strasser, is the coordinator.

We welcome all our volunteers and invite you to join the coming and going.



# What's Developing?

## CHARITABLE GIVING AND ESTATE PLANNING: Who do you trust with your trust? by Dee Shneiderman



Dee Shneiderman

### DEE SHNEIDERMAN JOINS BJH AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Dee Shneiderman, a native of Denver, Colorado, just joined the Blumenthal family. She lived in Miami for 5 years and has lived here in North Carolina for 20 years. She holds a BA in English from North Carolina Central University. She previously worked for Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice and is the outgoing editor of *The Crescent Review*. A member of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem for several years, she taught second grade religious school for two years and sings in the choir. Her husband, Amiram, received his doctorate at Wake Forest University and is now a student at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Dee's son, Chris, is a sophomore at Wake Forest. Her daughter, Clancy, is a junior at Reynolds High. BJH welcomes Dee Shneiderman to our staff.

The Development Office has received inquiries about the concept of charitable giving through estate planning. Charitable planning techniques include remainder and lead trusts.

A remainder trust is set up to provide income for the donor from designated assets during a specified period or the donor's lifetime. When the term has expired the appointed charity will receive the assets of the trusts. Such trusts are tax exempt.

A lead trust operates in the reverse. A gift of property is

made to a trust that provides income for the charitable organization for the specified term or for the donor's lifetime. The assets then revert to the estate. Lead trusts also offer tax benefits.

Planning for charitable donation through estate planning helps both the donor and the charity. And what an admirable way to assure the proper distribution of one's assets!

Please call Dee Shneiderman in the Development Office for information.

### Board of Trustees Nominations

The following nominees are respectfully submitted for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting, November 5, 1989:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| President                | Dan Horvitz     |
| President-Elect          | Ellis Berlin    |
| First Vice President     | Aaron Rose      |
| Second Vice President    | Audrey Madans   |
| Secretary                | Marian Sosnik   |
| Treasurer                | Albert Jacobson |
| Immediate Past President | Leonard Guyes   |

### For Three-Year Terms:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Ellis Berlin                                    | Mimi Levin    |
| Aaron Rose                                      | Moses Luski   |
| Marian Sosnik                                   | Dalton Ruffin |
| Al Herman                                       | Jan Samet     |
| Albert Jacobson                                 |               |
| Leonard Guyes, Chairman<br>Nominating Committee |               |

### OMITTED IN ERROR from Blumenthal Jewish Home News, September 1989.

New Year's Greeting from MARY COHEN.

*To my family and all my friends. I wish you all a very healthy and peaceful New Year.*



# ALOHA HAWAII!



Steam rose from the tall, brown volcano and hot, pink lava poured down its sides. Undaunted, Blumenthal Jewish Home and FAIR OAKS residents relaxed and sipped pina coladas on this visit to Hawaii. The trip began early in the day with staff dressed for the occasion in flowered shirts, mumus, brightly colored leis, and swinging grass skirts.

Native fruits and flowers of gaily colored tissue paper filled the Home, palm trees swayed and fish seemed to be swimming across the walls. The luau began with a delicious Hawaiian lunch and set the atmosphere for an afternoon in the Hawaiian Islands.

Lovely Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers were the highlight of this magical day. They gave a "stirring" performance including verbal explanations of their special movements. We learned the difference between Tahitian and Hawaiian dances and that the hands don't always tell the whole story, especially when some of our staff joined the performance.

Aloha Hawaii was the message of the day! Our recreation staff members — Lynn, Margaret, Debi, and Shelby — were perfect tour guides. We look forward to their next trip.



*Above, congratulations to our recreation staff — Margaret, Debi, Shelby, and Lynn — who brought the Hawaiian paradise to us and who enjoyed the trip as much as anyone.*

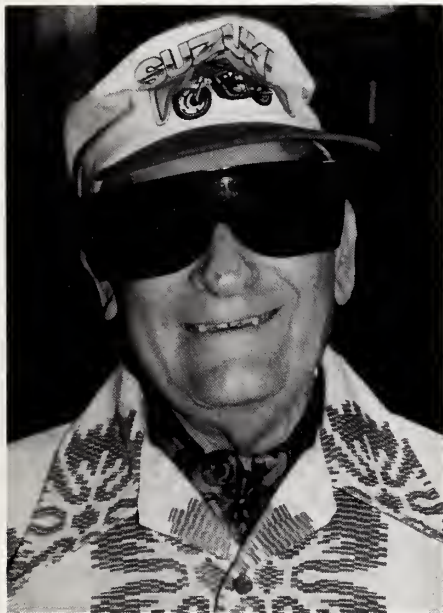
*Left, pictured top to bottom, are the "movers and shakers" at BJH — Henry Chandler, Reginald Archie, and Don Morris — who are serious students of Tahitian dance.*



Residents and staff said aloha to Gitel Cross at her farewell reception. Sue Clein, Gitel, and Janet Kindred are saying goodby.



FAIR OAKS and BJH residents Faye Moss and Yvette Pearlman got into the spirit with pina colada's at the Hawaiian Luau.



Dressed for the Luau is a FAIR OAKS mystery guest with a resemblance to George Lewin.

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 3 Leave for Senior Citizens Day, Dixie Classic Fair, Winston-Salem, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Leave for RJR Golf Tournament, Clemmons, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 15 Sukkot Reception, Brenner Concert, Viva Klezmer, Courtyard, 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Leave to go out to lunch, Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 18 Monthly birthday party, FO Commons, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 26 Reynolda House Art Explorations, leave 9:30 a.m.
- 29 Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

### BJH SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 15,  
2:30 to 4:30

Viva Klezmer, Refreshments

JOIN US IN OUR  
COURTYARD SUKKAH

*You are cordially invited to attend the*

### 24TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

Sunday, November 5, 1989 – 10:00 a.m.

Brunch – Business Meeting – Election  
CAJWM (Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men) Raffle

FAIR OAKS COMMONS  
7879 Fair Oaks Drive, Clemmons, North Carolina



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH — AUGUST, 1989

### Betty Gentry RN, B-2



Betty Gentry

Betty Gentry's love of nursing is evident when speaking with her. She has been a dedicated nurse on the B-2 unit since she began working in the Home, January of 1978. Pleased to be chosen as Employee of the Month, Betty said, "It is a nice surprise. I really like working at the Blumenthal Home and especially on B-2." She said her preference is for long-term nursing care as it is an opportunity to be both close to your residents and to get to know their families.

Lorraine Hetrick, B-2 Unit Manager, says, "Betty is well deserving of this honor. She always seeks to provide excellent patient care. She is very sensitive to the needs of residents, has an excellent attendance record, and is always willing to help when needed. Betty is a delight to work with and we are very happy that she is a member of our staff."

Soft-spoken, caring, and committed describe Betty Gentry. She said she is glad she chose nursing as her profession and we are, too! Congratulations, Betty.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in October:

### 20 Years

Lorena Durham, LPN, *A-Wing*

### 13 Years

Maxine Newman, *Dietary*

### 7 Years

Libby Carter, RN, *Unit Mgr., B-1*

### 4 Years

Teresa Jackson, *Director of Pharmacy*

### 2 Years

Hazel Brock, *Dietary*  
Jane Brown, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*  
Olga Harris, LPN, *A-Wing*  
Vickie Lanning, LPN, *A-Wing*  
Denise Robertson, *Laundry*

### 1 Year

Zeb Ansley, *Food Prod. Mgr.*  
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# Mubarak Plan Splits Israelis

by Harry Wall

The latest peace move by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to break the current deadlock in the Middle East has set off a political storm in Jerusalem. His list of proposals comes in response to the Israel initiative for elections in the occupied territories, the central feature of a four-point plan fashioned by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and approved by the Israeli government last March.

The Egyptian conditions include trading land for peace, the participation of East Jerusalem residents in the election, cessation of settlement activity, and demands to ensure that the elections are free of Israeli interference. These demands conflict with the Likud's stated positions and, taken on their own, would be unacceptable as a framework for discussion.

What has generated so much interest and controversy, however, is President Mubarak's proposal for the convening of a preliminary conference in Cairo to discuss the principles and modalities of elections. Participants are to include Israelis, Egyptians, U.S. and Soviet observers and a delegation of Palestinians, among them deportees from the territories.

Likud leaders have reacted strongly against President Mubarak's proposal, viewing it as a maneuver for the admission of the Palestine Liberation Organization, however indirectly, to the negotiations. The Likud also sees President Mubarak's approach as an attempt to impose a final status on the territories rather than an interim arrangement as provided by the Israeli initiative. On the other hand, Labor leaders, headed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, are prepared to back the conference provided Israel has a say in the composition of the Palestinian delegation. The result is a showdown which threatens to topple the unity government in Jerusalem and, with it, the Shamir peace plan.

While Prime Minister Shamir has stated his unwillingness to consider the Cairo conditions as a whole, he cannot rule out the proposal for a conference without risking the withdrawal of Labor from the unity government. If Labor leaves, Mr. Shamir is left with an unpleasant scenario. He forms a narrow government in which his major party rivals—Ariel Sharon and David Levy, who are both rigorously opposed to elections in the territories—would assume major portfolios in the government and very possibly control of the Likud. He would also face the possibility of a rift with the Bush Administration, which backs the Israeli plan but has also encouraged President Mubarak's efforts.

On the other side of the ledger is Mr. Rabin, credited as the co-author of the Israeli initiative, whose support has permitted the forging of a political consensus in Jerusalem. Mr. Rabin, despite his (and Labor's) long-held position of favoring territory for peace, signed on to the Shamir plan as a way to get the peace process going and to involve a Palestinian partner. For him, the moment of truth arrived when President Mubarak embraced the elections idea and called for talks without inviting the PLO.

The Egyptian leader, at the prompting of Washington, invited Mr. Rabin to Cairo to discuss his proposals. It was a clever move. Mr. Rabin, a hard-boiled pragmatist, realizes that there can be no elections in the territories without neutralizing PLO opposition. He did not object to the joining of non-resident Palestinians to discuss the modalities of

elections and this set the stage for a confrontation with Mr. Shamir and the possible dissolution of the government.

While Mr. Rabin is the interlocutor, it is Mr. Shamir who ultimately will have to decide on Israel's response. The Prime Minister is once again faced with a recurring dilemma: how to square his ideological attachment to the territories while not abandoning a plan that could offer considerable authority to the Palestinians. Mr. Shamir is also frustrated that attention has only focused on one element of the Israeli initiative—elections in the West Bank and Gaza, while ignoring the other points which include normalization of ties with the Arab world, rehabilitating housing for the Palestinian refugees in the territories and strengthening the peace treaty with Egypt.

The Prime Minister also feels that in time the Palestinians will distance themselves from the PLO and respond directly to the Israeli proposal. Furthermore, he has been upset over the U.S. dialogue in Tunisia. Mr. Shamir believes these talks reduce the chances that the Palestinians will deal directly with Israel.

Above all, Mr. Shamir, having faced down his party rivals in June over the elections idea, is concerned that his Likud opponents will accuse him of capitulating to PLO involvement and the right of return of the Palestinians to Israel.

What may prevent a political crisis in Jerusalem is, ironically, the PLO. It is by no means assured that Yasir Arafat will "bless" the Mubarak proposals. First, he is loathe to accept an election plan that calls for anything less than the PLO demand for statehood. Nor is he likely to endorse talks that exclude direct PLO participation. That would be ceding too much authority to the Palestinians living in the territories.

There are, however, offsetting pressures from the territories. For one thing, the uprising, or *intifada*, is changing. Much of the violence has turned inward, with scores of Palestinians being killed for "collaborating" with the Israeli occupation. Beyond this, inter-Arab rivalries in the territories have threatened unity among the leaders of the uprising.

Palestinian notables have shown considerable interest and some overt support for the Mubarak proposals. This has happened before the PLO has taken its own position. Local observers are skeptical, however, as to whether or not the Palestinians would continue to back the Cairo conditions should the PLO reject them.

With the focus of Mideast diplomatic activity having shifted to Washington with the visits of President Mubarak and Israeli leaders, the Bush Administration faces its first major test over the Middle East.

Secretary of State James Baker may also have to decide on issuing a visa to the U.S. for Arafat to attend the UN General Assembly. How the Secretary of State maneuvers through these diplomatic minefields will not only determine the prospects of the peace process but may well influence the future of Israel's unity government.

*Mr. Wall is assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League's International Affairs Division and director of the agency's Israel office in Jerusalem.*



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## From the Editor:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, there has been an outpouring of help by many people, organizations and institutions for the victims of the storm.

Those of us who took hot showers at the Jewish Community Center in Charlotte for two weeks are very grateful that the facilities at Shalom Park were opened to the entire community, just as the Y's were. The pots of hot coffee, as well as cookies and juice for the children, were a welcome snack for both members and non-members. We are thankful to the founders of Shalom Park for their vision, and to the staff of the JCC for their hospitality.

Synagogues and churches collected food and money for the hungry and homeless in their local communities and for victims in Charleston, S.C. and the Caribbean.

Several articles in "Kibbitzing—Community News" in this issue mention specific acts of kindness experienced or aid offered.

A letter from B'nai B'rith which follows is self explanatory.

This will indeed be a meaningful Thanksgiving. Have a happy one.

*Ruth Goldberg*

## To the Editor:

A B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund has been set up to help the victims of Hurricane Hugo in Charleston, S.C. Si Cohen, director of B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Services, spoke to Charleston Chief of Police Reuben Greenberg, himself a B'nai B'rith member, and was informed that the need will be ongoing for many months.

According to Greenberg, most stores are open, and therefore cash with which to purchase food and other items is the number one priority. Cash collected by B'nai B'rith will be channeled not only for the needs of the Jewish community—several Jewish institutions were severely damaged—but for the basic needs of the total community, as advised by Chief Greenberg.

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## Why Is George Bush Closing The Door On Soviet Refugees?

by Douglas Seay

However well-intentioned, changes in immigration policy planned by the Bush administration will close America's door to those fleeing Soviet political, religious and ethnic persecution. Instead, the United States should welcome those able to escape.

The administration wants to impose a ceiling of 50,000 on the number of Soviet refugees entering the United States next year, even though the State Department estimates that at least 150,000 will seek refuge here. President George Bush also plans to close the main U.S. processing center in Rome and transfer its functions to the American Embassy in Moscow. Most Soviet refugees are now "processed" in Rome and Vienna.

The administration says that processing these refugees is too costly; that the consular and immigration services in Rome, Vienna and Moscow are overburdened; and that Soviet reforms have virtually ended the persecution of Jews and evangelical Christians.

This is extremely misleading. Although the U.S. government bears some of the resettling costs, such private agencies as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Church World Service spend, for each refugee, two to three times the approximately \$7,000 that the U.S. government does. More important, these costs are vastly outweighed by the enormous contribution to America that these refugees have made and will make.

However, a very large proportion of such costs now result from delays of two to three months in processing applications. Streamlining these procedures would save money that could be spent on handling a greater volume. Even as it admits that an enormous backlog of applicants exists, however, the administration's plan will make the situation worse.

The planned increase of personnel, from three to six, at the Moscow Embassy falls far short of the more than 20 positions to be eliminated in Rome alone.

Not only will this mean that applications will likely be side-tracked by an overwhelmed bureaucracy in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; potential emigrants will have to openly declare their intention to emigrate to the United States and face the retribution of their own government and society for an indefinite period. In Rome and Vienna, they can more freely express their fears of persecution and argue their case for refugee status.

Even more alarming are statements by administration officials that Soviet reforms have ended persecution of Jews and evangelical Christians. U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs Jewel LaFontant recently told Congress that Jews and evangelical Christians now could remain in the Soviet Union, or even return there, without fear of persecution. When asked what would happen to those refugees denied access to the United States under the new quota, she said, "They can go to Israel, or return to Russia."

But if there is no persecution, why accept any applicants at all? If persecution continues, why place an arbitrary limit on those who may escape? In truth, conditions for Jews and evangelical Christians in the Soviet Union remain very difficult. Given his extensive expertise in Soviet affairs, Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger should have quickly corrected the impression left by LaFontant's remarks. Instead, he defended them.

The Eagleburger/LaFontant statements imply that the United States believes Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms have already eliminated fear of government persecution and that those leaving the Soviet Union should no longer be presumed to be refugees, but should have to prove it. They should modify their remarks, for they know that the Soviet Union remains a repressive

society from which reasonable people would want to flee.

The Bush administration is also in danger of promoting Soviet propaganda. Unwilling to admit that large numbers of its Jewish population wish to escape from severe religious and ethnic persecution, the Soviet Union has always claimed that Jewish emigration involves only small numbers who wish to resettle in Israel for mainly religious reasons or to reunite with family members. This fiction is so transparent that the regime requires even evangelical Christians to apply for visas to Israel. Forced to apply for Israeli visas as their only means of escape, only about one-tenth of these people actually choose Israel; the overwhelming majority seek refuge in America. By denying them entry the U.S. government would give them no choice but to go to Israel, thus helping to make the Soviet line regarding Jewish emigration seem valid.

America has a generous record for dealing with refugees, especially those no one else wanted. The plaque on the Statue of Liberty promises hope to those "yearning to breathe free." The Bush administration should not put new obstacles in their way or exaggerate the problems of offering refuge. It should move quickly to ensure that they remain welcome.

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## A 10-Point Plan to Attract Soviet Jews to Settle in Israel

by Elmer L. Winter

The U.S. Government has imposed certain limitations on the number of Soviet Jews that will be able to enter the country as refugees. These new regulations should motivate those Soviet Jews who cannot obtain U.S. visas to opt for Israel. This they will do—provided they have positive feeling about their future in Israel.



Having spent five days in Ladispoli, Italy attempting to persuade many Soviet Jews to take jobs with Israeli high-tech companies, I learned at first-hand their objections to resettling in Israel. Their primary concerns are getting a good job and finding adequate housing.

Their concerns can be met, I believe, through the joint efforts of Israelis and Diaspora Jews. To interest Soviet Jews in deciding on Israel as their future home, solutions are needed. Here are my recommendations:

**1. Good paying jobs—with opportunity for advancement—must be made available to Soviet Jews as soon as possible after their arrival in Israel.** Soviet Jews are concerned that they will not be able to get jobs when they resettle in Israel because of the country's high (10 percent) unemployment rate. They need assurance that they will be able to find work in their chosen fields, with opportunities to advance into higher positions.

Half of the adults who will arrive from the Soviet Union will be academicians. The Committee for Economic Growth of Israel has established a pilot program in Ladispoli matching skilled Soviet Jews with job openings in high-tech companies in Israel. If this experiment proves successful, the program will be expanded.

**2. Retraining facilities must be provided for those Soviet Jews who do not meet Israeli job requirements.** Many Soviet Jews who want to work in skilled professions will not be able to practice in Israel without retraining. Programs must be set up immediately to help immigrants meet the job requirements of their Israeli employers.

**3. Soviet Jews must be trained and offered jobs previously held by Palestinians and illegal foreign workers employed in Israel.** The strikes called by the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza, as well as the restrictions imposed by the Israeli government, have substantially reduced the number of Palestinians

formerly employed in Israel. Many of these jobs can be performed by Soviet Jews with minimal retraining.

Some 10,000 Polish, Filipino and Portuguese workers are illegally employed in Israel. If they are sent home, many of the jobs they vacate can be filled by Soviet Jews.

**4. Low-rent, subsidized housing must be made available immediately to Soviet Jews who emigrate to Israel.** Soviet Jews are willing to accept modest apartments—their accommodations in Russia are hardly luxurious—provided they are located close to their place of employment. The Israeli Government must stop building apartments where there are no jobs simply to populate the area. Good jobs and adjacent housing go hand-in-hand.

**5. American companies should be encouraged to build rental housing units in Israel to accommodate Soviet Jews.** There is an urgent need for many additional apartments for rental at low cost, with options to buy under favorable mortgage terms.

**6. A loan fund should be established in Israel for Soviet Jews wishing to open their own businesses.** This will provide much-needed additional employment, not only for Soviet Jews, but also for Israelis completing their military service.

**7. Israeli policies that require Soviet Jews to go into an Ulpan upon arrival in Israel should be revised.** Many Soviet Jews are hesitant about making aliyah because of negative impressions about Ulpan requirements and the need to live in absorption centers and hotels. They want jobs upon arrival in Israel. For many high-tech jobs, fluency in Hebrew is not an immediate requirement. Engineers who speak some English, for example, can be employed immediately and acquire fluency in Hebrew after work.

**8. Job contacts with Israeli companies should be initiated before Soviet Jews leave Russia.** A free professional employment service should be set up in the U.S.S.R. to provide potential immigrants with pertinent job information and to ar-

range for interviews with Israeli firms that could lead to job placement in Israel.

**9. Russian tourists should be offered jobs when they visit Israel.** Nearly 20,000 Russian Jewish tourists have visited Israel so far this year. These visitors are most likely to choose to resettle in Israel. Job interviews with Israeli high-tech companies should be arranged for highly-skilled persons before they visit Israel. If a job contact results, they can emigrate soon after they complete their visit in Israel and return to the Soviet Union.

Implementing these new solutions will not come easily. But we cannot let this unprecedented opportunity to bring Soviet Jews to Israel pass by. The time for action is now.

*Mr. Winter, a founder and former president of Manpower, Inc., is chairman of CEGI—the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel.*

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## Menorah Symbol Found for First Time on Pottery Jars in Hebrew University—Duke Excavations at Sepphoris

For the first time, the seven-branched Menorah, one of Judaism's most ancient symbols, has been found inscribed on the sides of clay storage jar fragments. The fragments, dating back to the Roman era, were discovered in excavations conducted last summer at Sepphoris in the Galilee by archaeologists from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Duke University of Durham, N.C.

Directed by Prof. Ehud Netzer of the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology and Professors Eric Meyers and Carol Meyers of Duke University, the Sepphoris excavation is a joint project of the two universities, with backing from the American Schools of Oriental Research and its Jerusalem affiliate, the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Other support has come from the Jewish Museum of New York and the University of Connecticut.

Although the Menorah has never before been found inscribed on pottery jars, say the archaeologists, the symbol often shows up on many structures and artifacts of Jewish antiquity, going back to Roman times, such as oil lamps, sarcophagi and mosaic floors.

The appearance of the Menorah on the jars indicates, according to the archaeologists, that the vessels were probably not meant for ordinary use but may have served some special purpose in association with one or more of the 18 synagogues reputed to have been located in Sepphoris.

Sepphoris, also known by its Roman name of Diocaesarea or its Hebrew name of Zippori, is located just west of Nazareth. It was at one time an important center of pagan, Jewish and early Christian settlement, serving as the home of the Sanhedrin, the central body of Jewish legal and spiritual life during the



*Excavations in the western (residential) section, the Jewish Quarter, of Sepphoris in the Galilee.*

Roman period, and also as the home for 17 years of Rabbi Judah Hanasi (Judah the Prince), patriarch and leader of the Sanhedrin and codifier of the *Mishna* in the third century C.E. The city is believed to have reached its apogee after many Jews fled northward following the second Jewish revolt against the Romans (132-135 C.E.).

The site also is regarded as the home of Joachim and Anna, the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus. There is an Italian orphanage of St. Anna. For the Roman rulers, Sepphoris was a provincial governmental and cultural center. The city is believed to have been destroyed by an earthquake in 363 C.E.

This year marked the fifth season of excavations at Sepphoris and coincided with the opening of a new pavilion at the Israel Museum to house the splendid mosaic floor found in the excavations two years ago and subsequently picked up and loaned to the museum. The mosaic, showing scenes from Dionysus and other aspects of life in antiquity, is best known for its beautiful female figure, dubbed the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee".

Work this season concentrated on two main areas: the eastern acropolis, where the large building that housed the Dionysus mosaic floor is

located, and the housing area on the western acropolis. In the eastern acropolis, the building, possibly a governor's palace, was further cleared and more positively dated. The famed mosaic floor has now been shown to have been set into place at the beginning of the third century C.E., at the time of Rabbi Judah Hanasi. With the further clearing work, visitors can now walk through many of the rooms of this villa, some of whose walls still stand to a height of two meters. They can also see some of the bathing pools associated with the structure. The courtyard area of the building shows traces of a reflecting pool, or fish pond, possibly surrounded by a garden.

### Original Pavement Found

On the western acropolis, excavation work continued of an extensive residential area which was inhabited throughout the Roman period, the first four centuries of the common era. In addition to the houses, the excavations revealed more of the extent of a major east-west street that linked the area of the villa or palace on the east with the domestic buildings on the west. The street has many of its original paving stones intact, and a deep drainage ditch lies under the central stones of the street, testifying to the sensitivity of the city planners of that era to public hygiene.

Many water installations also were discovered in the residential area. Some were cisterns for water storage, while others were clearly for personal hygiene or were ritual baths—"mikvaot." Still other water installations, vats or pools, appear to have had some agricultural, industrial or wine-making applications which have yet to be identified. It was in one of these underground areas that the storage jars bearing the Menorah symbols were found.

Another outstanding feature in Sepphoris, discovered in an earlier season, is the remnant of a magnificent Roman theater, which, it is estimated, could accommodate some 4,600 people.



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The Israel Ministry of Tourism announces the opening of its new satellite office in Atlanta, Ga. The decision was taken by the Ministry in view of increasing tourism to Israel from the Southern region of the United States.

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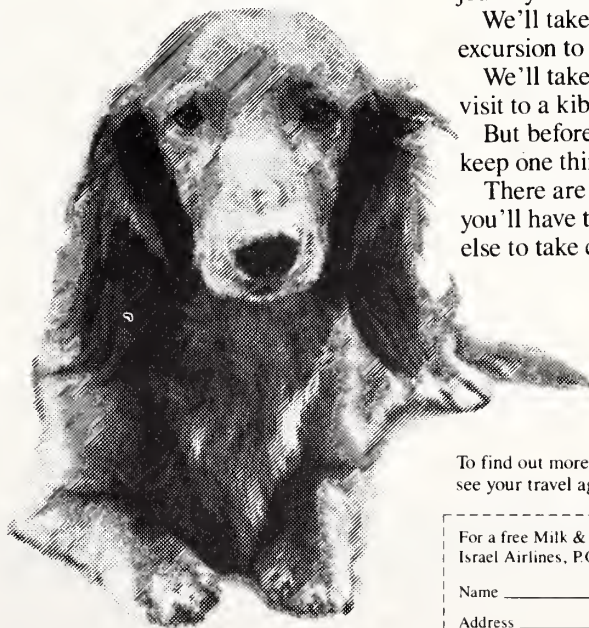
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## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

It has been variously called "the Carolinas' best kept Jewish secret," "the Blockbuster video of Jewish Charlotte," and "the most fun Jewish place in the Piedmont." That place with the funny name—CAJE—the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, is the multi-media, audio-visual Jewish education Resource Center located right here in Charlotte. Housed at Temple Beth El V'Shalom with a satellite home at Shalom Park, CAJE is the lending library source for quality Judaica materials serving over 55 affiliated Jewish schools, congregations and community centers in more than 25 communities across the Carolinas, southern Virginia and West Virginia.

**Lenora Stein** is director of the Resource Center and **Rabbi Robert A. Seigel** is the educational consultant.

With a completely computerized access catalog to the over 2500 individual items in the Resource Center—including videotapes, audio cassettes, slides, filmstrips, games, computer software diskettes, maps, posters, pamphlets, textbooks, teachers' guides, books, publishers catalogs and other print materials—CAJE is an integral support service for Jewish educational programs from preschool through adult education.

Other services provided by CAJE include:

- \* The Kids' CAJE Page—a regular Jewish educational activity page

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### Kohl Workshops, Nov. 5

The staff of the Kohl Jewish Teacher Center of Wilmette, Ill. will conduct a series of teachers' workshops on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

Topics to be covered are "Classroom Management" and "Creating Instructional Materials." This is a repeat of the program held in Raleigh for teachers in the eastern part of the State in Sept.

Workshop attendance is FREE to CAJE members. An informal Kosher

lunch costs \$3.50. Call immediately for reservation, Lenora Stein at (704) 366-1948.

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## **"THE MAIN EVENT" Federation Women's Division Charlotte, N.C.**

by Sandy Hirsch

The Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation presents "THE MAIN EVENT" on Thursday evening, November 30 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. Coordinators for this fabulous affair are Peggy Gartner and Marsha Scheer.

This function will unite contributors to Women's Division, regardless of amount, in a cause that knows the value of each and every pledge.

The festivities begin with attendees arriving at 6:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. Free bus transportation to the Speedway Club will be provided and will depart promptly at 6:45 p.m.

Upon arrival, guests will be served an elegant dinner and receive a complimentary gift package.

The highlight of "THE MAIN EVENT" will be an informative talk by Israeli broadcaster and award-winning actress Freda Keet.

Miss Keet's broadcasts and transcripts from Israel are distributed to more than 100 broadcasting organizations throughout the world.

Miss Keet, originally from Rhodesia, is the official interviewer of visiting dignitaries from Africa and Asian countries for Israel's Information Service.

In addition, she won an award for best actress after studying in England at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts.

An ardent Zionist, Miss Keet emigrated to Israel in 1963. She brings to "THE MAIN EVENT" her unique and vivid style of broadcasting as well as her keen observations of Israel's varied social, cultural, political and economic life.

This is a rare and most pleasurable opportunity for the contributors to Women's Division to hear a speaker of such immense importance to the State of Israel.

The cost of this entire evening of enjoyment is only \$18.00. Please call the Federation Office if you need more information, (704) 366-5007.

Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation needs to meet an established goal. This can be accomplished by your generous support. Encourage your friends and newcomers to attend in order to achieve a record-breaker. The slogan for the community women is "See you at 'THE MAIN EVENT' "!

## **Intermarriage Explored at the Third Annual Book and Author Evening Charlotte, N.C.**

by Lorrie Klemons

On December 10, 1989, a program co-sponsored by Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, and the Speizman Jewish Library will feature author and editor, Susan Weidman Schneider, presenting her recently published book *Intermarriage: The Challenge of Living With Differences Between Christians and Jews*.

This event coincides with the celebration of Jewish Book Month and is the highlight of the Jewish Book Fair to be held at Shalom Park from December 10-13. (5007 Providence Road).

Ms. Schneider is Editor-in-Chief and one of the founders of LILITH, the nation's only independent Jewish women's magazine.

As an editor and author (her previous book *Jewish and Female*), Schneider draws from the experiences of diverse couples, and offers insights from clergy, psychologists, and sociologists in this in-depth study of intermarriage.

During her presentation, she will bring up a variety of topics, such as: stereotypes, questions of faith, raising children, remarriage, cycles -ceremonies-and celebrations, and the "Next Generation"—adult children of intermarriage.

Hadassah and the JCC are asking for patrons to contribute at a variety of levels. There is a Grand Patron category for \$250, Patron for \$100, and Benefactor for \$36 per couple. Contributors in the top two categories will receive a complimentary copy of *Intermarriage*. There will be a reception at 7:00 p.m. preceding the discussion for all levels of contribution.

The lecture is open to the public and begins at 8:15 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the JCC front desk for \$4.00. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door. Ms. Schneider's book is available for purchase at the JCC front desk for \$18.00, and she will be delighted to autograph your copy!

Chairmen for the event include Nancy Blacker, Elizabeth Klein, Lorrie Klemons, Amalia Warshenbrot, Librarian for the Speizman Jewish Library, and Barry Hantman, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center. Any inquiries concerning the Book Fair and the guest lecturer can be made to Amalia Warshenbrot (366-5007).



## **Temple Israel Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Verna Bernard Shelden**

Between December 1989 and March 1990, there are three special events scheduled that will be experientially very enriching for ourselves and important to our Jewish Community. These events will both bring us in touch with our heritage and with contemporary Jewish spirituality. More information and preparation concerning these events will be available as the time for these events approaches.

**DECEMBER 17, 1989—"THE MANY FACES OF YIDDISH SONG"**—Shalom Park, 8 p.m. Featuring Zalman Mlotek and Shoshana Ron and sponsored by the Luski Family. This event is the First Annual Lectureship in Jewish Arts & Folk Culture. The artists will be leading the audience in a narrated concert tracing the development of Yiddish Music from its roots in Eastern Europe to today in America. Bring all your family to this memorable, enriching event.

**FEBRUARY 2 & 3—I.D. BLUMENTHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND** LED BY RABBI ZALMAN SCHACHTER-SHALOMI, ENTITLED "P'NAI OR" and sponsored by the Blumenthal Foundation. Reb Zalman is a living link between the Hassidic traditions of Baal Shem Tov and today's renewal. He is a visionary, charismatic and loving teacher. His concept of Jewish leadership can give power to participants in redefining and experiencing anew their sense of spirituality. Further details will be forthcoming in December.

**MARCH 14, 1989—"ELIE WIESEL,"** author of many books about the Holocaust, will be sponsored jointly by Temple Israel and the First Presbyterian Church uptown. This eventful speaking engagement is still in the works and further information concerning cost and location will be announced in January.

## **Greensboro Welcomes New Rabbis**

**Reprinted from Greensboro Federation  
News, Sept. 1989**

Greensboro's two Jewish congregations hired new rabbis this summer. Rabbi Rick Harkavy joined Temple Emanuel in July, and Rabbi Ammos Chorny began his duties with Beth David Synagogue in August.

### **Richard K. Harkavy of Temple Emanuel**

Rabbi Rick Harkavy became a rabbi after several years of graduate education, including law school at Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. In 1979, he became a member of the California State Bar.

As a rabbinical student, he studied in Israel, Los Angeles and Cincinnati. In 1984, he was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. In addition to being ordained there, he received his master's degree and a certificate in Jewish Communal Service.

Prior to coming to Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, Rabbi Harkavy served as the assistant rabbi at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and at Temple Emanuel in Dallas, Texas, where he initiated local Chauvrah programs and outreach activities for interfaith couples.

In addition to his love of learning and teaching, Rabbi Harkavy's favorite pastimes include playing tennis, collecting Jewish trivia, listening to classical music and rock'n roll, and playing with his infant daughter, Ilana.

He is married to Laurie Strom.

### **Rabbi Ammos Chorny of Beth David Synagogue**

Rabbi Chorny comes from Rockville, Maryland, where he served as assistant rabbi of B'nai Israel Congregation. He and his wife Aviva were both born and raised in Bogota, the capital of Colombia, where they graduated from high school. In 1978, Ammos came to this country to pursue his religious studies, through a special program which allowed him to study both at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Colum-

bia University. At the seminary he earned a bachelor's degree in Talmud and Rabbinics, and at Columbia, a BA in comparative religion.

In 1982 he was admitted to rabbinical school where he earned a master's degree in Jewish literature in 1986 and was ordained last May.

Rabbi Chorny has worked as a student rabbi both in Colombia and in this country. For several years he returned to his home congregation in Bogota to conduct High Holiday services. He also has served as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Parkchester, New York. In the course of his last two years in rabbinical school, he was the spiritual leader of the Pelham Jewish Center in Westchester County, New York.

In addition to his pulpit experience, Rabbi Chorny also serves as chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves, in the rank of First Lieutenant.

Since graduating from high school in Bogota, Aviva has earned, with honors, a degree in speech therapy and audiology from a university in Colombia.

The Chornys are the proud parents of two children: Joel, who is 4 years old, and Daniel who is 2.

## **Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.**

**by Ira Kersh**

One of the pluses of being such an historic congregation is the discovery of some very wonderful treasures in our possession. In going through the files at Temple, we found beautifully calligraphed handwritten copies of the weekly sermons by the founding rabbi, Rabbi Samuel Mendelsohn. There are about 150 of these three or four page manuscripts.

The ladies of the Concordia Society (Sisterhood) decided to preserve the sermons and set to work to obtain acid free folders to make certain they would not deteriorate.

When the Religion and Philosophy Department of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington heard about these treasures, they asked to

have them so as to preserve them and yet make them available for study. The university has a new archives Rare Book Room with the most modern temperature and moisture control, and shelves that are on wheels and seal into each other.

After much soul searching, the Concordia Society decided to allow the university to take the manuscripts to keep secure in the years to come.

On Oct. 24, the dedication ceremony was held at the Rare Book Room of the Library at UNC-W. Chancellor William H. Wagner accepted the documents for the university.

This dedication is even more meaningful since the university has recently created a chair in Hebraic Studies which is held by the noted Hebrew Scholar, Moshe Amon. Dr. Amon is very enthusiastic about the acquisition of sermons, dated from 1873 and later, which make a rabbi's thoughts on Jewish affairs of that era available for study.

On another phase of Temple life, the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were very well attended. Many new families have moved to the Wilmington area and our congregation is growing. We hope this growth continues and that the Temple will remain a vibrant part of our lives in the coming years. With a rabbi like our wonderful Albert Gordon and his empathy with the congregation, we feel secure in this hope.

## N.C. B'nai B'rith News Asheville Lodge Honors Continuous Members

by Ken Stern  
President, N.C. State Association

I recently had the honor of attending a reception in Asheville, N.C. to honor members of the Dr. Leon H. Feldman Lodge of B'nai B'rith for their many years of B'nai B'rith membership and service.

The reception was planned as a means of honoring over fifty members who have been continuous



*Some of the Asheville Lodge recipients of B'nai B'rith Continuous Membership Certificates.*

B'nai B'rith members for over 25 years, as well as to serve as a kick-off for revitalizing the lodge. In total, over 2,000 years of B'nai B'rith membership and service in Asheville were honored.

Addressing the crowd of well over fifty people were: Henry Meyers (ADL), Herb Schifftan and Mrs. Leon Feldman (Ruth). (Mrs. Feldman is the wife of the late Dr. Leon Feldman, past District Five President, in whose memory the lodge has been renamed.) Dr. Joseph (Dody) Schandler organized the reception and served as the moderator of the evening. Certificate and pin presentations were made by Ken Stern, N.C. State Association President. Ten of the 54 certificates were presented to 50-year B'nai B'rith members, with Julius Levitch, who could not attend, receiving an award for 71 years of continuous membership. A complete list of those honored at the reception follows. (Please accept my apologies for any misspellings and name omissions.)

Overall, the evening was a great success, with enthusiasm and many new ideas brought forth for future lodge events. Congratulations and thank you to those members who were honored at the reception. You are the backbone of B'nai B'rith, and

without your support, the organization would not exist.

### **Dr. Leon H. Feldman Lodge 25-71 Years of Continuous Membership**

**Over 50 years:** Harry Blomberg, Leo Finkelstein, Morris Kalin, Julius Levitch, E. Ted Linn, Milton Lurey, Fred Pearlman, Louis Rifkin, Philip Rosen and Sam Slosman (deceased).

**40-50 years:** Hyman Dave, Morris Fox, Dr. Al Kodack, Alfred Lichtenfels, Leon Rocamora, Max Pravda, William Rocamora, Herb Rubinstein, Edward Patterson, Sidney Schochet, Herbert Schifftan, Kalmin Sherman, Earl Schrier, Herbert Wadopian, Sam Williams, Dr. Ernest Witten, Dr. Norman Sollod and Morris Kaplan.

**30-40 years:** Noah Benninga, Herman Boniske, Carl Brody, Al Diamond, Abe Freedman, Egon Friedlander, Paul Goodman, Ron Goldstein, Bernard Gradman, Ed Greene, Martin Gross, Fred Hoffman, David Levitch, Isaac Lichtenfels, Dr. Joseph Schandler, Ben Shulimson, Morris Shulimson, Benson Slosman, Jerry Sternberg and Karl Straus.

**25-30 Years:** Jules Blum, Isaac Chicurel, Fred Kahn, Harry Lerner, Dick Schulman and Eugene Winner.



## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

Together with the Beth Israel Sisterhood and Hadassah, the Beth ha-Tephila Sisterhood sponsored Tea at the Ritz, a high tea and fall fashion show held on Sept. 17 at Temple Beth ha-Tephila. A lavish spread of traditional tea treats, prepared by women of the organizations, and a presentation of the latest fashions, provided by Lucy Ann of North Spruce Street in Asheville, with accessories by Nancy, combined to create a festive afternoon. A highlight was a raffle, with the grand prize a weekend for two at Atlanta's elegant Ritz Carlton.

At a board meeting on Sept. 14, the Brotherhood's newly formed Religious Services/Choir Committee selected service participants from the congregation for the High Holy Days.

Dick Braun won the Membership Chairman Award of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Sidney Schochet received the Harold W. Dubinsky and Seymour Liebowitz Awards from the Jewish Chautauqua Society for being the outstanding JCS chairman of a small class club during 1988-89. He also won the Best Fund Raiser Award for the same year. Congratulations to Dick and Sidney.

Special thanks were extended to Henry Meyers, chairman of Adult Education, for the excellent courses he has taught in years past, and especially this year, including a four-week course on "The Road to the Holocaust" and a pre-Passover historical perspective.

### Religious School

Two teachers, Mrs. Susan Linn and Mrs. Debi Drecksler, joined the Religious School staff. Mrs. Linn is teaching the first and second grades, and Mrs. Drecksler, together with Rabbi Bluming, is teaching the confirmation students.

Once again, the women of St. Luke's Episcopal Church took care of babysitting during our High Holy

Day services. Care was provided in our Religious School building during evening and daytime services. We are deeply grateful for this generous help.

### Ahoy—the Rummage Sale!

This annual event, overflowing with bargains, is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 5, and Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 5, in Unger Hall.

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, North Carolina

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Mazel Tov to Phyllis and Jules Blum and to their son, Robert, on his marriage to Dana Paul, on Aug. 19. Mazel Tov to Sandy and Benson Slosman and to their daughter, Renee, on her marriage to Dr. Larry Snyder, on Sept. 3.

The following Beth Israel ladies are on the Executive Board of the Asheville/Hendersonville Hadassah: President, Arlene Doloboff; Vice President (Fundraising), Anna Slosman; Vice President (Education), Sylvia Epstein; Vice President (Membership), Sandy Cuba; and Vice President (Programming), Maxine Yellen. Congratulations.

Good luck to Eugene and Arleene Goldstein, who are now submitting their two-act musical fantasy, "The Tortugas Plan," to the Southern Appalachian Regional Theater, Mars Hill, and to the Theater in the Park, Raleigh, hoping for a 1990 production of the show. They wrote the book and lyrics. The musical score was composed by Jana and Dr. Ami Feldman. A tape with some of the best songs from the score, to be submitted with the script and lead sheets, was vocalized by Susan Wadopian.

To continue with happy Synagogue news, Mazel Tov, to Morris and Pauline Tenenbaum, on the birth of a grandson, Marcus Rubbo Tenenbaum, on July 31. He is the son of David and Laura Tenenbaum.

Shirley Kayne, head of the Ritual Committee, acknowledges with

thanks the participation of all those who led services in August: Morris Tenenbaum, the choir, Joe Knight, Joseph Schandler, Aaron and Adam Ribner, David and Nicole Lurey, Joe Gullotta, Hal Rotman, George Gold, Ed Greene and Noah Benninga.

Ruth Gaynes, principal of the Sunday School, and her husband, David, education chairman, participated in the National Conference of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) in Seattle, Wash. They attended stimulating workshops, seminars and demonstrations of teaching methods.

On Sept. 9, the Sisterhood hosted a wine and cheese party open to the entire congregation. A Maariv Service and a beautiful Havdalah Service took place prior to the festivities with comments on the origin of the service by Rabbi Birnham.

Sisterhood takes this opportunity to say *Todah Rabah* to Arlene Schandler for heading up the Rummage Sale on August 20. Arlene and Norma Feingold report that the success of the affair could not have been accomplished without the participation of all members of Beth Israel Synagogue, the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

On Sept. 17, Beth Israel Sisterhood, together with Beth ha-Tephila Sisterhood and the Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah held a gala affair, a tea and fashion show, at Temple Beth ha-Tephila.

Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and his wife, Sara, have joined us at Beth Israel Synagogue as of Sept. 1, and the congregation is delighted to have them here.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

The Jewish New Year brought with it a full range of educational and holiday activities at Lubavitch of North Carolina. It began with the Shofar Factory and continued the entire month of Tishri.

The Shofar Factory was held on Sept. 27 at Shalom Park, since the Chabad House was without electric power. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Program Director, introduced the children to a variety of horns. Using a display from the York County Museum, Rabbi Weiss helped the children identify the kosher horns in the group.

Each child received a raw Shofar and at the instruction of Rabbi Weiss they removed its gut and proceeded to cut it to size. Rabbi Weiss and his staff of professional helpers assisted the young craftsmen in cutting and drilling the Shofar so it could be blown.

The children also crafted their own *Tzedakah* boxes in honor of the New Year. Chanie Weiss and Maria-



*Rabbi Binyomin Weiss sounding a just finished Shofar in Charlotte.*

shi Groner assisted with this project.

A special thanks go to Barry Hantman of the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community and Debby Rosenberger of the Jewish Community Center for assisting us in this special project, and for making space available for the Lubavitch Day School and Talmud Torah at Shalom Park during the aftermath of the hurricane.

Selichot Services were held at the Chabad House by candle light, due

to the power outage. Rosh Hashanah services were held at Shalom Park in the Junior Congregation Room.

We returned to Chabad House on Oct. 2, and Yom Kippur services were held there. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, who has been blessed with a beautiful voice, led the crowded congregation in prayer.

### Preschool and Day School

Lubavitch Day School students are currently enhancing their education with the addition of computer training. Under the careful guidance of Debbie Maslov, the students have been working with several educational software packages. What's more, they are studying the make-up of computers and micro chips, and discovering the character of modern technology.

The school also offers computer programs on Judaica, which enrich the child's knowledge of Jewish observances and their meanings.

Michelle Hodges, first/second

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*Children working on their Shofars in Charlotte.*



*Third graders in Columbia: Melissa Blank, Barri Arnold, Sarah Rosenzweig and Beth Poliakoff.*



grade teacher, reports excellent progress with her students in reading, spelling and math. "The community has been our main focus in social studies, and we are beginning a science unit on weather", Michelle said.

Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, has been exploring the makeup of letters with her little ones. Each letter learned is applied to an arts and crafts project and a color. This past month they learned about the color green: one day was devoted to green oatmeal, green grits, green milk and green snack. This allows the child to relate to the lesson learned in a real way.

The school visited Carrigan Farms in Mooresville, N.C. The children went on a hayride, watched people work in the greenhouse and picked their own delicious apples from the farm's trees. They even drank freshly made apple cider.

They petted many baby farm animals and watched the honey bees produce honey. "The children are still talking about our enjoyable trip to the farm", said Mrs. Doobrow. "It was also good timing for them to see the combination of apples and honey, as we were preparing for Rosh Hashanah.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, has been involving her students in the holiday teachings and, of course, in the essentials of Jewish studies, reading Hebrew, writing and spelling. With her unique talent, Chanie has taught her students to read and write Hebrew script. "There is that special warm and positive feeling that envelops the room when Chanie teaches", said Mariashi Groner, School Administrator. "That feeling is transmitted to her students, who, in turn, develop a very positive attitude to Judaism."

#### **Lubavitch of Columbia, S.C.**

The Shofar Factory, sponsored in part by Dr. Harold Friedman and family, is another project brought to the Columbia community by Chabad Lubavitch of S.C.

Working together with Mr. Irv Skupsky from the Beth Shalom Re-

ligious School, Deborah Koepp and Mrs. Ruth Marcus from the Tree of Life Sunday School, the Columbia Jewish Community Center Pre-School, Mr. Jerry Emanuel of the BBYO, Rabbi Robert Ungar of the Spartanburg Sunday School, and Mrs. Zenia Engelhart from the Savannah Hebrew Day School, Rabbi Hesh Epstein of Chabad managed to reach out and teach over 400 children about the fine art of Shofar manufacturing.

This unique and creative program, the only one of its kind in South Carolina, provided a first hand look into the making and meaning of one of the most important traditions in Jewish life. Children were given the opportunity to remove the inner bone of the Shofar, saw off the end, drill the air passageway, create the mouthpiece, sand and polish the finished product.

A Shofar is a ram's horn which has been crafted into a simple, yet beautiful instrument to take its place as the center of attention on Rosh Hashanah. The purpose of the Shofar is to awaken the entire Jewish Nation to repentance and motivate everyone to make good resolutions for the future.

#### **Lubavitch in Raleigh**

Lubavitch Center - Congregation Sha'arei Israel started the Jewish New Year with a host of new programs. Beginning with a "Selichot Night Special" the week prior to Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Pinchas Herman shared exciting thoughts and holiday melodies with his congregants. A full Selichot service followed.

On Sept. 24, a Shofar Factory was held at Lubavitch Center. Over 100 people attended and watched Rabbi Herman demonstrate the process of making a Shofar. The children who participated were so proud of the project that they took their Shofars to school for a special demonstration.

Helana Herman together with some of the parents helped the children with a variety of holiday arts and craft projects, from designing



*Rabbi Pinchas and Helana Herman of Raleigh.*

their own New Year's cards to crafting honey plates in the shape of a sweet apple.

The New Year also attracted many people for Rosh Hashanah services. Over 100 people attended Sha'arei Israel-Lubavitch and participated in worship. Rabbi Herman led the services and singing. A feeling of unity permeated the congregation as members and non-members wished each other a "Shana Tovah." Yom Kippur saw an increase in attendance.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah brought out joy and jubilation as many joined Rabbi Herman in the Lubavitch Grand Sukkah party and the Hakafoth on the happiest night of the year.



*Drilling a hole in the Shofar, Columbia.*

## Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

In response to the needs of Jewish Family Services for food following Hurricane Hugo, Halailah is sponsoring a new project entitled "Project Hugo." Halailah is soliciting donations from food vendors. Our thanks go to Hebrew National and Manischewitz, who have already made donations. Randy DeFilipp is soliciting additional donations to help feed our hungry. If you can contribute to this cause, please contact her at (704) 541-5861.

Also in response to Hurricane Hugo, Halailah is continuing another project for Jewish Family Services. We will be collecting canned goods for Jewish families in need. Collection will take place on the second Friday of each month from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. at the preschool drop-off site at Shalom Park. Canned goods can also be brought to Jewish Family Services at any time. For more

information, or to volunteer your time to this project, please call Lari Massachi at 535-4747.

A special highlight of Personal Giving on Sept. 19 was the presentation of the Kusworm Award from B'nai B'rith International for chapters with outstanding overall community volunteer services. The presentation was especially meaningful, because it was given to us by Sol Jaffa, father of our past president, Wendy Rosen. Mr. Jaffa is past president of District Five B'nai B'rith and is a past member of the National B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Services Commission. We appreciate his being with us.

Our November projects will center on providing Thanksgiving meals. We will prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner for the Chai Group on Nov. 20 at 12 noon for our older adult luncheon. Anyone who can help with preparation or serving should contact Emily Chatham at 523-6632. We will also prepare Thanksgiving dinner for our foster family. This family receives assistance with food and medicines throughout the year.

Our next program meeting will be on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Gail Marshall of "Auctions by Marshall" will provide insight into "how to go to an auction." Ms. Marshall is a dynamic speaker who teaches at Super U. The evening promises to be fun and informative.

### Premier Jewish Singles

Premier Jewish Singles has scheduled several group travel programs for North American Jewish singles, and has included British and Israeli Jewish singles in the groups.

Upcoming programs scheduled for 1989/90 are as follows:

"This Year in Israel" Excursion—Nov. 13-23.  
London New Year's Eve Celebration—Dec. 27-1/4.

Carnival's Crystal Palace Resort and Casino at Cable Beach Nassau—Jan. 10-14.

Annual Premier Jewish Cruise sailing to the Southern Caribbean—Feb. 10-17.

For further information, contact Premier Jewish Singles' office, P.O. Box 28989, St. Louis, Mo. 63132, phone (314) 991-4111.



**"Test of Vision"**  
by Ruth Ava Lyons

Ms. Lyons is a Charlotte artist who received a bachelor of fine arts at Kent State University and a master of fine arts from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Her works will be on exhibit at the Danville, Va. Museum of Art in Nov. and the Hickory, N.C. Museum of Art in Dec. Her husband, sculptor J. Paul Sires, will be exhibiting with her.

Their work can be viewed by appointment at their Charlotte studio.

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The excavations at Sepphoris will not be continued next year, as the researchers review the materials to prepare publications on the subject. The Sepphoris project has had the advantage of a computerized system of information recording developed under the direction of Prof. Barbara Clinger of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. This system facilitates collaboration between the staff members and easier retrieval of information.

Plans are underway by the National Parks Authority in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund to turn Sepphoris eventually into an antiquities park and museum that will be open to the public.



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# Spotlight on an Artist

**Alan Kaufman—Musician/Arranger/Composer**

by Gloria Schulman



Alan Kaufman

Alan Kaufman of Charlotte, N.C. has lived with music for all of his 42 years. He was born to a family where music was played and sung on a daily basis. In 1964, while still a high school student in Spring Valley, N.Y., his composition, *Madison Avenue Overture*, was premiered by the Spring Valley High School concert band.

Alan went on to complete a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Music Education at the Crane School of Music at the State University of N.Y. at Potsdam. In 1977, after spending a brief time as an elementary, junior and high school instrumental teacher in the New York school system, he moved to Charlotte where he began his music career. In the twelve years Alan has been in Charlotte he has worked in every aspect of the musical community. Through his performances in jazz, pop, his many recording studio experiences and his work with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra as a percussionist and pianist, Alan has earned the reputation of a versatile musician.

Alan has produced albums for such well-known musicians as Buddy Rich, the Glenn Miller Orchestra,

Jeannie C. Riley and Oliver, to name but a few. He has arranged compositions for The Embers, Chairmen of the Board, the Charlotte Choral Society, the Sunday Nite Jazz Band and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Performing with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Dorsey Band, the Charlie Spivak Orchestra, the Modernaires and other well-known bands, Alan has earned the reputation as one of the top jazz pianists in the Charlotte area.

In 1988 Alan was named the recipient of the coveted Arts & Science Council Emerging Artist Grant which is awarded to talented individuals for the purpose of writing an original composition to be performed by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. (This grant is made possible in part by the Arts and Science Council, the

National Endowment for the Arts and the Robert F. and Betty Jo Gilley Foundation.)

The piece which Alan wrote, *The Penland Overture*, was scheduled to be performed on Sept. 23, 1989 by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, but Hurricane Hugo caused the concert to be cancelled. However, plans are in progress to re-schedule the performance at a later date.

Alan's future plans include arranging and composing—his two "first loves" and, as with every artist, wherever the opportunities and fates will take him.

*Gloria Schulman of Penland, N.C., has written features on Jewish artists of North Carolina for the TIMES OUTLOOK.*

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# Tradition in the Kitchen

by Estelle Hoffman

What does tradition mean in celebration of Thanksgiving Day? Over the years, I have participated in dinners in various homes. While ethnic foods may be incorporated into individual meals, and methods of cooking differ, Thanksgiving dinners are remarkably alike.

November issues of magazines strive to offer novelty in dishes for the festive meal. I must confess that my family requests the standard, old-time dinner. This is it, altered only by contributions by guests on some fourth Thursdays in November.

**Tossed Salad**  
**Whole turkey, stuffed with**  
**white bread dressing and gravy**  
**Sweet potatoes, plain baked, candied**  
**or prepared in casserole**  
**Whole cranberry sauce**  
**Green vegetable,**  
**either green beans or broccoli**  
**Apple pie**

Sometimes, instead of the tossed salad, raw vegetable sticks and olives are served with roasted pecans and/or almonds during a "Happy Hour" preceding the dinner.

My stuffing is always made from French or Italian bread, picked to tiny pieces by hand on the day before Thanksgiving, dried in the oven on a cookie sheet. To the bread I add sauteed chopped onions and celery, then moisten slightly with water. According to James Beard's recipe, I will have cooked the turkey giblets in about one quart of water with a whole onion, carrot and celery stalk. The meat of the giblets are ground and added to the stuffing. For seasoning I like salt, black pepper, marjoram and just a touch of sage.

The stuffing must be prepared just before it goes into the turkey, to avoid risk of spoilage, and the bird should be filled lightly. The dressing swells as the turkey roasts. Additional stuffing which doesn't fit into

the turkey is baked in a covered baking dish after adding more water, as it will not benefit from juices of the roasting bird.

Roasting time is 20 minutes per pound for a large turkey, 25 for a smaller one. Instructions are given on turkeys nowadays, in most packages.

While the turkey is roasting, use the broth from the cooked giblets to make the gravy, with or without sauteed fresh mushrooms.

Sometimes I make a fruit casserole, served hot as accompaniment to the meal. It is a combination of cooked prunes, cooked dried apricots, pineapple chunks, canned sliced peaches, canned sour cherries and applesauce, over all of which the juice of one large fresh lemon is drizzled. A topping of mixed bread crumbs, brown sugar, cinnamon and chopped nuts and more applesauce crowns this dish, which is well received by my guests on Thanksgiving or any other occasion. Quantities of fruit are governed by the number of diners expected.

Whatever your Thanksgiving menu may be, this year in the Carolinas will be one filled with gratitude by those of us who survived Hurricane Hugo. Before dinner at our house, each of us expresses what he feels most grateful for at that time. May your Thanksgiving Day be a happy one.

## **Cooking with Memories**

by Lora Brody

**Stephen Greene Press 212 pp.**  
**\$18.95**

A look back at a lifetime of food and humor is the foundation for Lora Brody's new book, *Cooking with Memories: Recipes and Recollections*. The perfect Chanukah gift, this wonderful collection of family recipes and flashbacks recreates her Jewish upbringing in Hartford, Conn. with irrepressible wise-girl humor.

## **COOKING WITH MEMORIES**

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**LORA BRODY**

AUTHOR OF GROWING UP ON THE CHOCOLATE DIET

*Photo by Kevin Noble*

Lora dishes up mouth-watering nuggets of yesterdays, taking the reader on an afternoon stroll with her and her Aunt Sara as they wait out the Yom Kippur fast, wanting to dive into a bowl of Borscht, to bite into a tender crescent-shaped Rugelach studded with nuts and raisins. She brings readers to the Ladies' Nostalgia Dinner, where she and her friends throw their calorie counters out the window and share childhood favorites, such as Nesselrode Pie with its light and fluffy rum custard filling. Happy reminiscences of family holidays punctuated by poignant memories of sitting *shiva* are accompanied by traditional recipes, such as Matza Ball Soup, Honey Cake and Deluxe Noodle Pudding. Lora offers many more appetite-tempting recipes and entertaining stories for everyone to enjoy, including the amusing details of her son's in-hospital *bris*, which was meticulously catered by her mother-in-law.

Lora Brody's reminiscences are those of a Jewish American. Her chapter on Thanksgiving is Jewish



only in that matza ball soup and chopped liver were served in her family's dinner celebrating the holiday, followed by turkey and her mother's blueberry or apple pie. The recipes she offers for Thanksgiving are for candied sweet potatoes and deep-dish apple pie.

#### **Candied Sweet Potatoes**

2 Tbsp. margarine  
5 lbs. sweet potatoes  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Paprika  
1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar, firmly packed  
Grated rind of 1 lemon  
3 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup Grand Marnier (optional)  
1 stick margarine

Preheat the oven to 350° with the rack in the center position. Grease an ovenproof baking dish large enough to hold the sweet potatoes. Peel the sweet potatoes and cut them into 1/2" slices and layer the slices in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with the salt and paprika. Combine the remaining ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour this mixture over the potatoes. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 1/2 hour. Uncover and bake for another 1/2 hour, basting frequently with the pan juices. Serves 10-12.

#### **Deep-Dish Apple Pie**

This recipe is easy to prepare and great for a crowd.

2 Tbsp. margarine  
6-8 large-sized Cortland apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced  
1 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. flour  
Pinch of salt  
1 Tbsp. cinnamon  
4 Tbsp. margarine

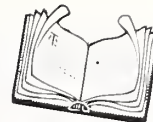
Preheat the oven to 450° with rack in the center position. Use the 2 Tbsp. of margarine to grease a 9x13" ovenproof dish. Layer the apples in the dish. Combine the sugar, flour, salt and cinnamon and sift this mixture over the apples. Let stand at room temperature while you prepare the crumb topping.

#### **For the Crumb Topping**

1/2 cup sugar  
1/3 cup flour  
1/4 cup (4 Tbsp.) margarine, softened  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
3/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

Combine all the above ingredients and sprinkle over the apples. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes and then lower oven to 350°. Bake an additional 45 minutes.  
Serves 10.

# Book Reviews



## **Heroes of Israel**

by Chaim Herzog

Little, Brown and Co. 293 pp.  
\$22.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Subtitled *Profiles of Jewish Courage*, this beautifully illustrated book, printed on high quality paper, is written by the President of the State of Israel. Chaim Herzog tells the stories of biblical heroes as well as those of our own time.

In weaving historical fact with myth, the author relates history and customs of the past. He avoids celebration of violence, reporting examples of moral courage. The first chapter is the story of Joshua. Others tell of more biblical figures, European Jewish groups, and outstanding Jews in recent times since the establishment of the State of Israel, as well as during the years preceding 1948.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog has been a distinguished statesman, lawyer, military expert and diplomat. He has served as general in the army, director of Military Intelligence, defense attache to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, ambassador to the United Nations and a member of the Knesset.

## **The Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia**

by Rabbi Mattis Kantor

Jason Aronson, Inc. 392 pp. \$50.00

Australian-born Rabbi Mattis Kantor has produced a unique, year-by-year, day-by-day account of Jewish history in a concise yet remarkably comprehensive form.

Entitled *The Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia*, this volume begins with the creation of the universe in the Jewish year 1 (3760 B.C.E.) and ends with the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon in 5745 (1985). It employs chronologies and time lines to convey Jewish history's greatest people and events.

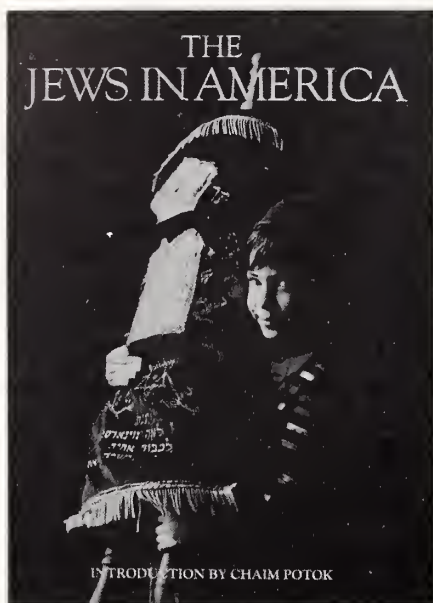
Since Kantor writes from the per-

spective of a traditional Jew, biblical events such as the Flood, the giving of the Torah, and the fall of the Tower of Babel are placed within the chronology of history along with the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, and the founding of the State of Israel. Wherever Kantor cites a biblical event, he notes his sources so that readers may explore them.

*The Jewish Time Line Encyclopedia* is divided into four major sections, each of which Kantor sees as representing a clear stage of Jewish history. The first, presenting the highlights, includes only very major and/or familiar historical events. The second describes these events and others in greater detail. The third, which appears at the beginning of each historical era that Kantor defines, contains even more detail and gives an overview of that era. The fourth time line, which makes up the body of the book itself, encompasses the fine detail that makes this history so useful and important.

Dr. Bernard Lander, president of Touro College, wrote, "I am deeply impressed by the grandeur of this book and its usefulness for scholars and students of Jewish history. Its vista comprises the entire panorama of Jewish history. The special value of this volume is its usefulness to the layman and the academic community. It enables potential students and scholars to correlate Jewish history and world history and to understand the significance of Jewish movements in their historical context."

Rabbi Mattis Kantor was ordained from Yeshivah Tomchei Tmimim in New York in 1966. He received his Master's Degree from Fordham University in 1970. A native of Australia, Rabbi Kantor has served as Director of Akel Chaim College of Advanced Jewish Education in Melbourne and as Director of the Hillel Foundation of New South Wales. He is the author of *Chassidic Insights*, a system of contemporary Jewish religious philosophy.



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## The Jews in America

Edited by David Cohen  
Collins Publishers

224 pp.; over 175 color and black & white photographs \$45.00  
Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

Chaim Potok, in his introduction to *The Jews in America*, wrote "We open this book and pass into a wondrous world of pictures that offer us not only an excursion into the exquisite landscape of sophisticated modern photography but also the opportunity to pause, gaze and reflect upon what has been wrought in this country by Jews in only four generations."

David Cohen, editor, states that *The Jews in America* began with a simple idea—to capture on film a cross section of the American Jewish community of 5.8 million people. 60 of America's most respected newspaper and magazine photographers were dispatched from coast to coast to document Jewish people and activities throughout the life cycle, at home, at synagogue, at work, during family celebrations, etc. 80,000 pictures were taken in one year.

After a monmouth editing job, over 175 poignant pictures were selected. The text and photo captions are concise and informative;

the photographs tell their own story.

*The Jews in America* is one of the most beautiful Judaic "coffee table" books we've ever seen. Look at one in your local bookstore and you'll want the volume for yourself and for a special gift.

## Broken Alliance

by Jonathan Kaufman

Charles Scribner's Sons 311 pp.  
\$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

From the time when the first two presidents of the NAACP were Jewish brothers, the Spingarns, and Jack Greenberg was head of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Jonathan Kaufman writes the history of the alliance between Jews and blacks.

The alliance held through the struggle for civil rights in the 1950s in the South. The growth of the Black Power movement, the increase of crime in the cities and the murder of Martin Luther King seemed to break the final link. Anger increased with debates over affirmative action and quotas. Jesse Jackson's slurring remarks about Jews and disputes over Israel made tensions worse.

There is still work towards mending the connection, and some cooperation amongst those who work in social service, political and civil rights groups. The author offers some hope from emerging black leaders. The rupture has been painful, and especially so considering how much the two groups can help each other.

For the good of the entire society of the United States, it is hoped that practical interests will encourage resumed cooperation.

Jonathan Kaufman is a reporter for *The Boston Globe*. He has written extensively on black-Jewish issues, having received a Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for articles on racism and job discrimination in Boston.

## The Intellectual Crisis in American Public Administration

by Vincent Ostrom

Alabama University Press 206 pp.  
\$10.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

"...the basic erosion of constitutional law has continued." Those are some of the saddest words to be read in this country's annals. The chronicle which Vincent Ostrom has written in *The Intellectual Crisis in American Public Administration* leaves the reader with the conviction that the democratic system of government is delicate. It is vulnerable to myriad abuses and endless unintentional mistakes.

The constant struggle for power between the executive and legislative branches of government has been examined by great leaders and students of political science. If each president and every member of congress and the Supreme Court were of the highest integrity, the fabric of democracy would still be fragile. People from the days of our founding fathers until today's great thinkers, both in America and in other countries, striving to proclaim theories on methods to make good government possible, have disagreed.

It seemed simple when we were taught about our system of "checks and balances." In our lifetime we have seen imbalance, when one of our three branches grasped excessive power, when another weakened and relinquished its responsibility, or when manipulation affected the exercise of justice.

The author stresses the importance of language in the formation and exercise of government. Language is what describes reality. Humans do not have perfect vision of things like government, organization or society. That vision is produced by the words uttered by those who formulate the theories which determine the construction of the state. Since language is an intellectual tool, it is supremely important.



The public needs to be sufficiently educated to understand, as well as to maintain vigilance over the realm of government. Reform often results in worse practice than the situation which required improvement.

This book requires slow and thoughtful reading. It considers the history of many forms of government, concepts of various peoples which formed the roots of what developed on the North American continent. In the final chapter, *Intellectual Crises and Beyond*, Ostrom goes back to "The ancient Jewish concept of law, grounded in a covenant between God and his chosen people, (which) is the foundation upon which the Western church presumed to judge the proper exercise of rulership prerogatives by secular authorities."

This is the second edition of a book which has become a classic. It has left me with the opinion that there is an insufficient percentage of our population, or any population, willing to exert the amount of study and thought necessary to bring about even minimal reform in the organization of our government. In reading this small volume, the references cited are so numerous as to make apparent the vast extent of history and political science needed for intelligent understanding. No mention is made of the means of earning a livelihood of the individual who devotes himself to the acquisition of such an education.

This book certainly gives a greater understanding of recent constitutional crises such as Watergate and the Iran-Contra affair and in changes in our executive branch during the past fifteen years.

**The Outsiders  
Jews and Corporate America**  
Abraham K. Korman  
Lexington Books 224 pp. \$21.95

Jews are among the most visible American minorities. They have gained prominence in law, medicine, entertainment, art, politics and academia. As entrepreneurs, they

have built and managed numerous successful organizations. Outbreaks of conspicuous anti-Semitism are rare in the U.S. To all appearances, Jews have found virtually complete acceptance in America.

However, according to a study conducted by noted management expert Abraham Korman, a quiet but powerful anti-Semitism persists in America's boardrooms. His findings indicate that Jews are being systematically excluded from senior management positions in corporate America. In fact, says Korman, the larger a company is, the less likely it is to hire or promote Jewish Americans to executive or senior management positions.

His investigation of the hiring and promotion patterns of the Fortune 500 companies reveals disturbing evidence of widespread discrimination against Jews. Korman found that the industries that had the highest reported sales and the most employees had the lowest number of Jews in senior positions. Less than 5 percent of the senior executives employed by these industries are Jewish, a figure, says Korman, that is well below the nationwide norm.

The numbers are even more revealing in similar analyses Korman conducted among the Fortune 100 companies and the Fortune Service 500. The results are particularly startling among the utilities, commercial banking and life insurance industries, which have well over \$1 trillion dollars in assets and employ more than 4 million people. Jews occupy, on average, little better than 3 percent of the senior management positions in this group.

Commenting on his findings, Korman points out that American corporations are willing to employ Jews as outside consultants and in a variety of staff and professional positions—but the door to the executive suite remains locked to them. He quotes one personnel executive as saying, "There are plenty of Jewish engineers in this company, but none are project managers, nor will there

be any so far as I know. I believe that most of them have been told informally that the company is happy to have them as engineers but that our customers are unwilling to work with Jewish executives." This remark, says Korman, exemplifies what he sees as the reason for continued discrimination against Jews in corporate America.

Korman suggests that Jews and non-Jews alike believe that Jews are in some sense "outsiders" in America. This leads both groups to certain strategic decisions about what careers and occupations are appropriate for Jews. Non-Jewish executives and managers feel that as outsiders Jews are somehow different from other Americans and that they are thus ill-suited for senior positions requiring extensive social interaction. But, says Korman, Jews themselves contribute to this situation by seeking careers as professionals or entrepreneurs. While this decision gives them more control over their own lives and enables them to develop the skills that make them valuable to industry in staff positions and as consultants, it also keeps them outside the mainstream of corporate life.

Korman's findings, along with suggestions on what should be done to correct the situation, are presented in *The Outsiders: Jews and Corporate America*.

Abraham K. Korman is the Wollman Distinguished Professor of Management at Baruch College, City University of New York. Author of numerous books and articles in the areas of careers, work motivation, leadership and organizational development, he has consulted for such Fortune 500 companies as Beatrice Foods, IBM, American Airlines, RCA and Lever Brothers, among others.

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## NOVEMBER 1989

### CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR — “IT WAS MEANT TO BE”

Ten miles from Winston-Salem in the small rural community of Clemmons, an old estate with a stone mansion and 117 acres of land had been vacant for a number of years. The year was 1960 and the North Carolina Associations of Jewish Women and Men were looking for a site to build a home for the Jewish elderly. In January, 1960, Ben B. Clein, a member of the association and a resident of Winston-Salem, went to take a look at this property for sale on the Yadkin River, an unlikely spot for the North Carolina Jewish Home to be built.

An elegant 24-room fieldstone mansion dominated the rolling land known as the Lasater Estate. Built in 1928 by R. E. Lasater, an executive with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the stone mansion was designed by Philadelphia architect Charles Barton Keen. Keen, a popular architect of the period, had designed homes for a number of prominent Winston-Salem families including the country estate



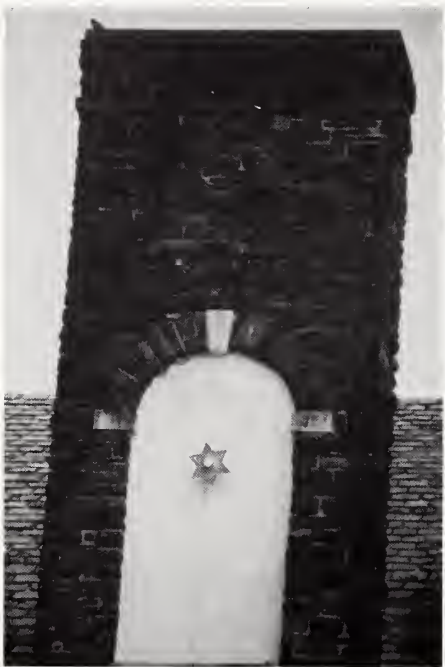
*A view of the sun porch of the mansion as it appeared in 1960, presently the location of the breezeway connecting A and B wings at BJH.*

of R. J. Reynolds, now known as Reynolda House.

I.D. Blumenthal wasn't impressed when the real estate agent called and told him of the 24-room mansion and the land surrounding it. "I had visions we would build from scratch . . . you can't put old people in mansions.

The health code wouldn't permit it," (as stated in an article by Paul Jablow, *Charlotte Observer*, Oct. 27, 1964). But Ben Clein had gone to see the property and went to Mr. Blumenthal and the association and told them, "This

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The Star of David set onto the chimney of the stone mansion.

is the place for the Jewish Home that the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men are searching for." He came to them and told them what God was telling him.

"I looked the place over anyway and it seemed okay," said I.D. (*Charlotte Observer*, 1964). "Then I looked up at the chimney and saw ... a perfect six-pointed Star of David." The reason for the star was a mystery. Lasater was an Episcopalian. The real estate agent didn't know why the star was there and neither did any of Lasater's descendants.

Ben Klein and I.D. Blumenthal knew why the star was there. In the *Charlotte Observer*, 1964, I.D. Blumenthal says, "... God put his finger on it. God said to Lasater in 1928, 'Here you will build, and when you have raised your family, the Jewish people will need it.'"

In April, 1960, the men's and women's groups met in Winston-Salem and approved the site. The price of the 117-acre estate appeared to be yet another miracle. The buildings alone had been appraised at \$433,000. On Wednesday, May 25, 1960, the *Winston-Salem Journal* announced the sale. "The

Lasater mansion and 117 surrounding acres were bought yesterday (May 24) for the North Carolina Home for the Jewish Elderly. Revenue stamps ... conveying the property to the Blumenthal Foundation of Charlotte indicated the price paid was about \$135,000. This is a joint project of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, I.D. Blumenthal, President, and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, Mrs. Monroe Evans, President."

Through dreams, mystery, and miracles, a reality was about to begin.

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# FAIR OAKS

## ON THE ROAD



*Left: Enjoying the tour at Biltmore House are, left to right, FAIR OAKS residents Pearl Yachnin, Bertha Marrus, Pauline Allen (nsg. asst.), Hannah Ackerman, Ida Feinberg, and Ruth Menins (seated).*

A trip to the Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina, was the highlight of the monthly events for FAIR OAKS residents. Excitement was brewing for days as residents and staff looked forward to this full-day adventure. The Blumenthal Jewish Home bus was on the road early headed for Asheville with Charlie Dunn from the Maintenance Department as driver, Lynn Wahoski, Director of Resident Activities, as tour guide, Pauline Allen, assisting, and FAIR OAKS residents as eager sightseers.

First stop was the Folk Art Center just east of Asheville. Beautiful weather made it a perfect setting for the picnic lunch prepared by the Home. By 1 p.m., the group reached Biltmore Estate ready to begin the tour of the country home of the Vanderbilt's. Their tour included viewing the magnificent formal rooms on the 1st floor and the bedrooms on the 2nd floor. Most impressive was the exquisite library of over 10,000 books.

Resting was as much fun as touring as they stopped for ice cream at the Stable Cafe on the estate grounds. With renewed energy, the group ventured on to the Biltmore Winery where everyone enjoyed a tour, a film on winemaking, and a wine tasting just in time for the cocktail hour — a perfect ending to a perfect day. But not just yet, for the tired but stimulated sightseers had the drive (home to Clemmons) ahead of them plus a stop for dinner along the way.

### WELCOME TO FAIR OAKS

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Bernice Goldfinger  
Durham, NC

Mary Greenberg  
Brooklyn, NY

Pearl Yachnin  
New York, NY



*Above: Thanks to Charlie Dunn, bus driver for the day, the trip to Asheville and back was a delight.*



*Above: Closer to home, Virginia Brown receives a hug from a celebrity at the RJR Golf Tournament at Tanglewood Park.*



# SUE's NEWS

## FAIR DAYS ARE GREAT DAYS

The sun came out to greet us the day volunteers gathered waiting for residents to arrive at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem. Anticipation was in the air as well as the aroma of roasted peanuts, cotton candy, and sticky apples not to mention the goats, sheep, and cows soon to be visited. The BJH bus and vans arrived bringing 29 eager residents soon to meet with their partners — our volunteers and staff — and the fun began.

Heading off in different directions, no one wanting to miss anything, they toured their favorite exhibits: arts and crafts, the flower show, and, of course, the barnyard animals. No one could resist the temptations of the food booths. Everyone indulged in pizza, Italian sausage, and fries. Even hot dogs and hamburgers tasted good when the trimmings consisted of a festive event shared with friends. Ice cream cones and "elephant ears" topped with powdered sugar satisfied those sweet teeth in the crowd. And when it was time to say goodbye, everyone seem satisfied — residents filled with nourishment to satisfy both body and soul, volunteers filled with the satisfaction of making a day like this possible.

Not every day is a FAIR day, but they are all great days when volunteers make a difference!

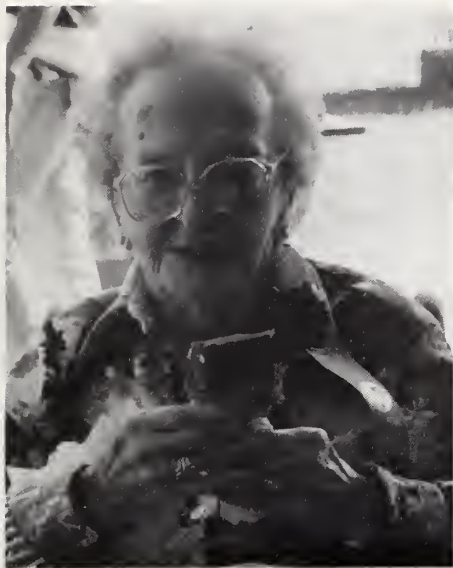


*Fifteen eager volunteers greet the BJH bus as it arrives at the Fair. Volunteers turn a Fair day into a great day. We invite you to join us and discover how volunteers make a difference.*



*Having a good time at the Fair are Dr. Mike Pollak, volunteer, Bernice Goldfinger, FAIR OAKS resident, Helen Graham, volunteer, and Pearl Yachnin, FAIR OAKS resident.*





Enjoying all the delights of this beautiful day at the fairgrounds are residents, volunteers, and staff seen clockwise from above:

*Sarah Blau, Eva Weinberg with Janet Kindred, Mary Cohen with Melinda Jackson, Anna Shapiro with Millie Slatkoff, and Ida Feinberg with Kimrey Shaffner.*





# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

## Music was in the air



- **Die Yiddishe Bande** — They didn't fiddle around when they came to town on September 24. Residents delighted to the traditional Jewish music of Bert Chessin and his Klezmer group from Chapel Hill. Lively instrumentals including the accordion, clarinet, cello, guitar, violin, and tamborine together with familiar vocals of traditional Yiddish songs encouraged everyone to join in the singing and have a good time.

- **Zeke Saunders and his Blue Grass Musicians** — BJH had feet stomppin and hands clappin when this group entertained at Western Hoe Down Day. Cowboy boots, blue denim, western shirts, and bandanas were the costumes of the day worn by staff which set a mood to match this high-spirited music. Rounding out our hoe down were the dietary delicacies enjoyed that day — barbecue beef, corn on the cob, and "pigs" in the blanket.

*Left above: Die Yiddishe Bande with Bert Chessin and the Klezmer musicians was a musical highlight. Right above: Ronnie Kutchie, vocalist, and Barbara Faubum, accompanist, entertained and delighted residents with Yiddish and Hebrew songs at the September birthday party.*



*Zeke Saunders and the Blue Grass Musicians lifted our spirits at the western hoe-down.*



- **Louis Goldstein Piano Concert** — The Commons Auditorium became a concert hall the afternoon of September 28 when Louis Goldstein performed at the grand piano. Dr. Goldstein, pianist and professor of music at Wake Forest University, presented a preview recital for our residents before his faculty concert at Wake Forest the following evening. Our thanks to Louis Goldstein for treating us to a beautiful afternoon with the classics.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### NOVEMBER

Mary Barrett  
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# BJH CONGRATULATES STAFF MEMBERS



Janet Sowers

## JANET SOWERS DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SERVICES

BJH is pleased to announce the election of Janet Sowers to the Steering Committee of Monette Information Systems. This company has developed an accounting software package for long-term care which our Home is presently using. The Steering Committee on which Janet will serve as the North Carolina representative serves the entire East coast with responsibility for recommending changes to and updating of the accounting software.

Janet Sowers became a BJH employee four years ago working in the Accounts Receivable Department. As Director of Computer Services for over one year, she is responsible for all the computer activities in the Home, the Accounts Receivable Department, and the Business Office. Janet says she enjoys the constant challenge she finds in her job and she likes creating new ways to improve the efficiency of the department.

BJH congratulates Janet on her selection to this committee.



Donnelle Vaughn

## DONNELLE VAUGHN OFFICE MANAGER

BJH is happy to announce the appointment of Donnelle Vaughn to the position of Office Manager. Donnelle has been on the BJH staff as an office secretary for 2½ years. Janet Sowers, Donnelle's supervisor, says that Donnelle has been a dedicated employee and "she will do an excellent job in supervising the front office. She is full of energy and ideas, and I am excited about her in this position."

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in November:

### 4 Years

Barbara Smith, *Dietary*

### 3 Years

Janet Kindred, *Dir. of Social Services*

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Salinda Monroe, *RN, B-1*

## WELCOME

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*Winston-Salem, NC*

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*Winston-Salem, NC*

John Svoboda  
*Winston-Salem, NC*



Danny Furr, A-wing unit manager, was dressed for the occasion and in the spirit at the BJH hoe-down.

## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Frances Burg  
Rose Croner  
Lois Sharpe  
Beulah Spainhour  
Cordie Teague

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

# What's Developing?

## THE TIME FOR TAX-PLANNING IS UPON US!

by Dee Shneiderman

Now that we have just finished the process of enumerating our failings for the year, it will soon be time to consider this year's gains — the capital kind. Charitable giving can be an effective method of warding off the chill of tax season. Don't be caught out in the cold! Plan for a nice, warm gift to a charitable institution — FAIR OAKS, of course — through a remainder trust, lead trust; making a payment a new pledge or an existing pledge. For information, please call Dee Shneiderman in the Development Office (919) 766-3035.



*Grandstand seating on the 18th green was a perfect spot to enjoy the RJR Golf Tournament at Tanglewood Park. Left to right are: Joel Harrison, Bernice Goldfinger, Debi Early, Jane Rosenberg, Evan Weinberg, and Helene Baruch.*

### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 Leave for Art Discovery, Reynolda House, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 3 Leave for services, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 5 Annual meeting, Fair Oaks Commons, 10 a.m.
- 7 Leave for senior citizens lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 7 Monthly birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 9 Leave for Art Discovery, Reynolda House, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Brenner Concert, Lynn Pritchard, Yiddish and classical music singer, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 14 Leave to go out to lunch, Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 16 Leave for Art Discovery, Reynolda House, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving Day Services, Commons Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.



*In their western duds are Virginia Brown, FAIR OAKS resident, and her sidekick at the hoe-down.*

# BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein



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# Hanukkah

*by Rabbi E. L. Sapinsley, D. D.*

Hanukkah reminds us of the heroism of the Maccabees and serves as an antidote to Christmas. We associate it with Israel's military exploits and Jewish resistance to Nazism. The historical background of the holiday can teach us much about living in two cultures, or to use Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan's term, two civilizations.

When Alexander the Great conquered the ancient Persian Empire, in which most of the world's Jews were then living, he sought to amalgamate most of earth's oldest civilizations. The fusion of Hellenic culture and religion with those of the ancient Middle East produced Hellenistic civilization. It dominated much of the eastern Mediterranean and Middle East for the next thousand years. It also brought into close contact the two most important foundations of western civilization, the Hellenic or Greek and the Hebrew.

Unlike the city states of Greece, which did not grant citizenship to most foreigners, the city states of Alexander's empire and his successors' bestowed citizenship on those who spoke Greek and participated in Greek culture. For instance, when the city of Alexandria, Egypt, was built, Jews from Israel were invited to settle and were given privileges. Tens of thousands of Jews eagerly took part in its thriving commerce and culture. Crisis came when Antiochus, IV, Epiphanes, who ruled the Syrian Greek Empire which then controlled Israel tried to force complete religious and cultural uniformity on everyone. Some Jews were willing to comply, but the Hasmonean family, whom we remember as the Maccabees, led the revolt whose victory was celebrated with the rededication of the Temple we commemorate each Hanukkah, which means dedication.

Judaism was challenged by Hellenism in more subtle ways. For instance, the Greek gymnasium was an educational influence, as well as a place for athletics, which encouraged assimilation into Hellenism. With its rich literary resources Judaism responded to the Greek academy and the manifold philosophies of Hellenism by deepening and expanding its own intellectual and educational system. The challenge was to assimilate the contributions of the surrounding culture without breaking Jewish continuity or watering down Jewish identity. Those who did so successfully enriched Judaism. Some put their Judaism into Greek garb and thought so that it lost resemblance to its original nature. Many abandoned Judaism as antiquated, embracing Hellenism as the wave of the future.

First Century Christianity began as a Jewish sect and through Hellenistic assimilation and political events was rapidly transformed into a separate faith. On the other hand, many non-Jews were attracted to Judaism, numbers of whom converted and enriched us. After Christianity became Rome's state religion, that process was all but stopped.

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, addressing the 100th convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said there would be a billion Jews in the world today, if it were not for the many defections over the centuries by those who opted for the advantages of the dominant culture, and not always because of outright oppression. Today the danger is not so much that the next generation will convert to another religion, but that they will become so secularized, so unJewish in thought and lifestyle, they will assimilate. I frequently meet people who consider themselves Jewish, but that's not their practice. They may be Unitarians or Bahai. I know a Baptist minister whose mother is Jewish and a Jehovah Witness whose father is Jewish. In each case neither one was given enough Judaism to make it his religious choice.

Rabbi Howard Bogot, Director of Education for the UAHC, says Jewish parents put so much pressure on our kids to get good grades in public or private school in order to get into the best universities and continue into the most successful and/or lucrative careers, Jewish education gets short shrift. Coupled with such outside activities as sports, the arts and other forms of expression, each good in itself, but with very little time left for religious school homework or Hebrew classes, don't we give our children a contradictory message? A rabbi who grew up in a small North Carolina congregation said, while religious school is important, it's even more important for our children to grow up in homes where parents do Jewish things.

Hanukkah should be observed, but for it to have significance, so should Shabbat, Passover, Shavuot and Succot, including Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, each more important than Hanukkah. Likewise, the more a thirteen year old's understanding of Judaism remains a stopping point, the less capable will that Jew be of fulfilling the very mitzvot a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is supposed to affirm on the great day. That's why confirmation is so important, and beyond that post-confirmation and adult education, such as college courses in Jewish studies or synagogue classes, visits to or studies in Israel.

Today our intermarriage rate is approaching 50%. Approximately 80% of the children born to Jewish fathers and Gentile mothers who don't choose to convert marry outside our faith. While encouraging outreach, we still face crucial questions about our viability as a people and a religion. The majority of descendants of mid-19th century American Jews are no longer Jewish. Those who remained so did so through dedication and sacrifice. Most importantly, we should heed Dr. Marcus' admonition, "Don't count numbers; count souls." Jewish hearts, minds and souls should be our concern, out of our Ahavat Yisrael, our Jewish caring love.

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Brass Chanukah Lamps, Dutch, 18th and 19th centuries. The Jewish Museum, Amsterdam, Holland. Photo by Ruth Goldberg

## **From the Editor:**

When disaster struck Charleston, South Carolina in the form of Hurricane Hugo, the North American Jewish community sprang to the aid of those whose lives were disrupted by this violent and destructive storm. Working in conjunction with the Council of Jewish Federations, which, after assessing the damage, undertook a fullscale million-dollar assistance effort on behalf of Charleston's hard-hit Jewish community, the Jewish Welfare Board mobilized its network of Jewish Community Centers across the continent to aid the Charleston JCC and its constituents.

A \$1 million campaign has been launched, according to CJF President Mandell L. Berman, to raise the necessary funds to help rebuild several Charleston Jewish community institutions which were severely damaged and to provide assistance to those individuals and families that lost their homes, personal belongings and businesses due to the storm.

Several other major Jewish organizations including the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the United Synagogue of America have also agreed to participate in this continental effort. They met with Federation leadership to assess the needs of the community and to determine the most appropriate and coordinated program of assistance.

Those who wish to contribute to the campaign should send their checks marked "Charleston Disaster Relief" to Council of Jewish Federations, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

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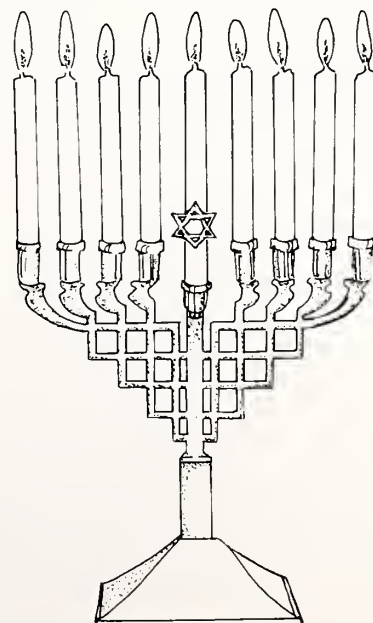
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# Happy Chanukah!

## Chanukah—A Special Kind of Liberation

by Yitzchak Dinur

(WZPS) - Chanukah is not all it seems. It is not quite the festival of liberation that we think it is, at least not liberation from the Greeks. Nor is it simply a festival of lights that commemorates a miracle that occurred with a jar of oil. It has become a festival of dedication in a way that our ancestors never thought of, because they thought in different terms than we do. This is not unusual in Judaism, which has such a long and complex history that almost every instance of belief, behavior, custom and festival celebration has several levels of meaning.

While the Hallel festival prayer is included in the synagogue service, no abstention from work is associated with Chanukah, and there are no traditional public observances, nor is there a special prayer book.

The engaging nature of the Chanukah lights together with their placement in a position where their private light may be seen publicly, excites all who have grown up to the annual lighting of the nine-branched Chanukah candelabrum. These lights have made this relatively minor festival into one of the most beloved of all Jewish holidays.

### National Revival

During the past century, Chanukah has undergone a revival, because the Zionist movement seized upon it as a symbol and historical precedent of national revival for our generation. The Maccabi Zionist sports organization was named after the Maccabees who instituted Chanukah, as was the Maccabiad, the four-yearly international Jewish sports meet.

In a story entitled *The Wheel Makes a Turn*, Sholem Aleichem depicted Chanukah warmly. In the first section, Chanukah lights are dignifiedly lit by a well-to-do Jew. In the second part, the same Jew, now elderly, is barely suffered to light the Chanukah candles by his assimilated son, while the grandson is not

allowed even to witness the ceremony. In the final section of the story, the grandson, now a young adult, and his student friends celebrate Chanukah, to the chagrin and dismay of the assimilated parents, who cannot understand how their son could have become a Zionist. They cannot understand that, inspired by the Maccabean fight for Jewish freedom, the young son has rejected his parents' assimilationism as shameful.

However, it is not certain that Sholem Aleichem or his young hero knew exactly whom the Jews were fighting in Maccabean times, nor what their idea of freedom was.

### Standardizing Religion

The division of Alexander the Great's empire had left the Land of Israel as a border region between the Seleucid empire with its center in Syria and the Ptolemaic Empire in Egypt. At the time of the Maccabean revolt, the Seleucids had been in control of Judea for several years. These so-called Greeks were really Hellenized Syrians, as different from the original Greeks as the USA is from Elizabethan England. Their culture was a slightly Hellenized version of Middle Eastern polytheism.

Antiochus, the Syrian king who had just been forced to withdraw from Egypt by an ultimatum from the Romans, was endeavoring to strengthen his empire ideologically by standardizing the religion throughout his dominions. He was not particularly anti-Jewish but would stand no opposition.

A segment of the Jews under the Maccabees refused to abandon their customs and ancient laws, and they revolted. The story of Chanukah is the story of the revolt against the Greek-speaking upper crust of the Seleucid empire and their collaborators among the Jews. The Maccabees were not fighting for individual liberty as we understand it.

### In Defence of Rights

We think in terms of a modern pluralistic society with civil rights, in which differing, even antagonistic

points of view have legitimate standing. Our views are colored by the situations and laws of the countries where we live and by the struggles going on around us. The Maccabees did not think pluralistically at all.

The First Book of Maccabees tells us that the incident which sparked the Maccabean Jewish revolt was the slaying by Judah the Maccabee's father, Mattathias, of a Jew in his village who was about to offer sacrifice publicly at the heathen altar, as required by the king's officers. After that, Mattathias and his five sons fled to the hills.

In their opposition to Antiochus' standardization of religious cults, they were defending the established rights of the Jews in the Seleucid empire to follow their customs and opposing the arbitrary abrogation of these rights. Since the continued observance of these customs maintained the Jews as a distinct nation, they were also fighting for Jewish national survival.

In their fight for the continuation of Jewish customs, they had no scruples about coercing, persecuting and even killing other Jews who did not conform to their version of Judaism—no pluralism of the Maccabees.

### Double Edged Campaign

The Maccabean revolt was at first a minority movement. The official Jewish spokesmen and many of the Jewish population were hostile to it. The Maccabees carried on a double edged campaign against foreign oppression and internal disintegration, suffering terrible losses on the way. Chanukah is the earliest occasion upon which martyrs of conscience appear, persons who are willing to die rather than forsake their religious precepts. It celebrates the first attempt to demand the principle of religious and cultural diversity within the state. Here, Chanukah has universal implications for the rights of groups to be different while equal. However, this is a modern understanding of the struggle. The Maccabees themselves probably



had no such intentions.

Chanukah also shows that the only effective answer to repression of ideas is a positive affirmation of the threatened principles and values.

After attaining power, the descendants of the Maccabees became estranged from the masses of the Jewish people and later their rule became extremely oppressive. The rabbis disliked them so much that they reduced reference to them in the Mishnah and the Gemarah to the unavoidable minimum. That is also why they curtailed the importance of Chanukah. This also seems to be the reason that the Books of Maccabees were excluded from the Bible when the canonization process was completed in the second century of the Christian Era.

## Haneirot Halalu

### *These Lights Are Holy*

Published by the CCAR Press

Edited by Rabbi Elyse D. Frishman

54 pp. \$9.95

*Haneirot Halalu* is prepared for a home celebration of Chanuka. This special book was nearly twelve years in preparation, with text edited by Rabbi Elyse D. Frishman. She was ordained in 1981 by Hebrew Union College.

Through the centuries, Chanuka has remained a symbol of light and understanding for all mankind—a festive celebration of dignity and religious freedom. The Central Conference of American Rabbis now offers the first complete compendium of liturgy and readings for home use at Chanuka.

A simple and elegant retelling of the story, building nightly to an exciting conclusion. Including poetic prayer-readings, music selections, nightly blessings in Hebrew and English (with complete transliterations), instructions for the dreidle-game even a *traditional* recipe for latkes. . . *Haneirot Halalu* is destined to become a cherished part of the family for years to come.

# Tradition in the Kitchen

## Three-Vegetable Latkes

3 eggs  
2 1/2 cups shredded peeled zucchini  
1 cup shredded peeled potatoes  
1 cup shredded carrot  
1/2 cup shredded onion (1 large)  
1/2 cup snipped parsley  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
3/4 cup matza meal  
vegetable oil  
(vegetables can be shredded in cuisinart)

In a bowl combine eggs, shredded vegetables, parsley, salt and pepper. Stir in matza meal. Shape into flat cakes, using 1 to 2 tablespoons mixture for each. In a skillet fry latkes, a few at a time, in 1 to 2 tablespoons hot oil, 1 1/2 minutes per side. Add additional oil as necessary. Drain on paper towels.

Serve hot or reheat on ungreased baking sheet at 350°, 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes 24 to 36 latkes.

## Poached Apples

(serve with latkes)  
8 small red cooking apples  
3 Tbsp. margarine  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. apple juice or water  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Dash ground nutmeg

Core apples and cut into thin wedges.

Heat margarine in a 10-inch skillet. Add apples, sugar, apple juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover, simmer 15 minutes. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes more or till apples are glazed. Transfer apples to serving plate.

Makes 10 servings.

*The above recipes are from **Better Homes and Gardens Holiday Cooking**, 1988.*



## Cheese Gelt

3/4 cup grated cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup flour  
Pinch salt and cayenne pepper

Cream the cheese and butter together in mixer or food processor. Add flour and seasoning and work until blended. Form the dough into a roll about an inch in diameter, wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Slice roll thinly (1/3") and lay on a cookie sheet. Bake until golden, 10 to 15 minutes, depending on thickness. Makes about 2 dozen coins, to serve with drinks.

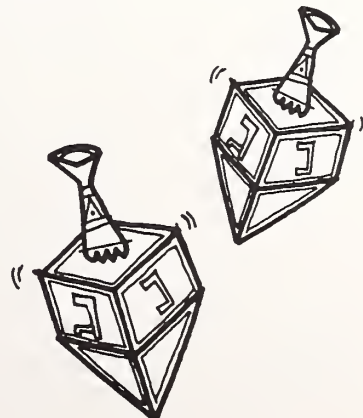
## Spinach and Ricotta Casserole

1 lb. spinach or 1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach  
1 lb. skim milk ricotta or cottage cheese  
2 eggs  
3 tbsps. grated parmesan  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Heat oven to 350 degrees and place in it a pan filled with hot water, large and deep enough to hold a 1 qt. baking dish. Cook spinach briefly and drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Chop fresh spinach if used. Combine all ingredients and pour into well greased baking dish. Set in pan with hot water and bake for 3/4 to 1 hour, until firm. Serves 4.

The text and liturgies by Rabbi Elyse D. Frishman make the spiritual celebration of Chanuka accessible to everyone—young and old. Interwoven with the text, nine vibrant watercolors by the renowned artist Leonard Baskin infuse the story with warmth and rare beauty.

*Haneirot Halalu* enriches the celebration of Chanuka—a gift of joy and love.



## The Dalai Lama and the Jews by Irving Greenberg

When the invitation came to join a group of Jewish scholars in a dialogue with the Dalai Lama and Tibetan Buddhist monks, I asked only one question. Was this a missionary group seeking legitimation (as the Unification Church and Jews for Jesus do) in order to gain access to go after more Jews? The answer was no. (The Dalai Lama encouraged Jews who approached him to deepen their Jewishness; "the task of a true teacher is to help people become what they are.")

Ever since 1959 when the Chinese invaded Tibet, I had felt an instinctive sympathy for the Tibetans. The invaders crushed Tibet's monastic orders and destroyed its Temples. Over one million people were killed in the course of the conquest; the Dalai Lama and 150,000 others went into exile near Dharmasala India. This is what the destruction of the Temple must have been like in Jewish history.

In 1959, the Dalai Lama was a young man being raised as a sheltered and studious God-King. Now he was a mature scholar, the focus of the religious and political hopes of his people yearning to be free. He had become a seasoned diplomat, traveling the world, pleading the case for Tibetan survival with heads of government.

The Dalai Lama's career summoned up a strong Zionist association—Theodor Herzl's life must have been lived the same way. Without any army, without official standing or governmental recognition, Herzl had pursued heads of state seeking the right for his people to go back. All he asked was to give his people a chance to restore their own culture in their own homeland. How often had his request been ignored by those who respect only entrenched power? How many times had the founder of my national liberation movement been dismissed? (They broke his heart; he died at the age of 44.)

Honestly, increased understanding between Tibetan Buddhism and Judaism was very low on my priorities. I am preoccupied by the escalating surliness between traditional and liberal Judaism and the appalling ignorance among Jews about each other's lives and teachings. Nor did I expect to learn that much religiously. But how could anyone with a Jewish memory ignore the Tibetans? Suddenly Hillel's words were not a truism but a challenge: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow human being."

I was wrong about the learning. The Dalai Lama taught us a lot about Buddhism, even more about *menschlichkeit*, and most of all about Judaism.

Like all true dialogue does, this encounter with the Dalai Lama opened us to the other faith's integrity. Equally valuable, the encounter reminded us of neglected aspects of ourselves, of elements in Judaism that are overlooked until they are reflected back to us in the mirror of the other. We need this instruction.

To be faithful to its role as an agent of universal redemption, Judaism must synthesize and unify East and West, not join one or the other tradition in parochial fashion. Only in this way can Judaism avoid the nineteenth century Christian missionary error of serving as the agent of Western modern culture at the cost of religious integrity and the Biblical message.

About *menschlichkeit*: Paradoxically enough, for someone who is revered as divine by his own people, the Dalai Lama showed us an extraordinary model of humanness. He is not bitter nor shattered by the extended grief of exile, rather he radiates an inner serenity and kindness. He is a man of peace who calls on all religions to express themselves and to find common ground in helping fellow human beings and serving as agents of healing—without denying their distinctive value and teachings. (Shortly after the dialogue, it was announced that the Dalai Lama will receive the Nobel

Peace Prize.)

One remarkable behavior model stood out. The other Tibetan scholars hung on his every word; they seemed not willing to speak in his presence unless asked by him to say something. Yet he listened, how he listened to everyone!—with unfailing courtesy and total attention. It was supposed to be a two-way dialogue but the Jewish scholars spoke seventy-five percent of the time. Partly it was due to the fact that Jews are a verbal people; but mainly because he wanted to know more. The Dalai Lama continually passed up opportunities to present Buddhist counterpoint views. Instead he asked questions because he wanted to learn more.

About Judaism: In the initial exchange with the scholars of Tibetan Buddhism, we learned something. For centuries, the Tibetans had been famous—and feared—as fierce warriors.

Then in the fifteenth century Buddhism and its teaching won out. A whole people was transformed and infused with gentleness, kindness and deeper respect for life. Ultimately, the pacifist tradition of Buddhism won out as well as its emphasis on releasing strivings for power and instinctual gratifications.

The climax of this process came in 1745 when it was concluded that the Tibetan people no longer needed an army or even a political government! The spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, would be the political leader because the primary task of life was the search for enlightenment and ultimate *nirvana*. This is the peace of eternity achieved, according to Buddhism, when the illusions of this world were transcended and the cycle of futile rebirth ended. There was a group that strongly opposed this conclusion arguing that it would jeopardize Tibet's security. But the then Dalai Lama was convinced that the various foreign powers could be played off against each other and neutralized.

The more urgent goal was the spiritual perfection of the Tibetan



society. His will won out. The Tibetan people took this remarkable step toward national transformation and permanent peace.

The decision worked until the twentieth century. However, in this century, the British forced their way in because of perceived strategic concerns. Then, in the 1950s, more tragically and devastatingly, China—as part of its imperialist, expansionist, Communist drive—invaded and shattered the Tibetan society.

As we reflected on Tibet's agony and struggle for survival, we grew to appreciate the wisdom of Jewish covenantal ethics. Judaism also dreams of a Messianic age when life and peace will triumph, when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares. . . and shall not learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4). But the *halacha* insisted that until the Messiah comes, it is an ethical necessity to have an army. There are wars (self-defense) which are a *mitzvah* to fight, others which are permitted, and yet others which are wrong and forbidden.

As long as the world is unredeemed, one is required to meet its strategic and security challenges. Jewry must become involved in the morally equivocal tasks of government and warfare, of political action and economic life. The good people must act until the final perfection—lest they escape to spirituality now but hand over the world to the forces of evil, poverty and degradation.

We came to see that the Tibetans had taken a spiritually heroic step, but they had been guilty of premature Messianism. (In various centuries, Jews had made a similar error.) Now the task of humanity was to help and to retake Tibet for its people. But there was an important lesson for us. The Jewish tradition of juggling the dream of perfection with ethical realism and worldly responsibility was profoundly correct. This made us appreciate also the extraordinary wisdom and courage of those who in the last two hundred years made the visionary move of transforming the Jewish religious

dream of restoration into an activist, morally responsible liberation movement, Zionism.

The most moving aspect of the dialogue was the Dalai Lama's motive for setting it up in the first place. He identified with the Jewish experience. After thirty years in exile, despite the hopes for speedy restoration, he was facing up to the possibility of an indefinitely extended *galut* (exile) experience. How could his people and he maintain a full spiritual life and avoid assimilation while separated from the land that nurtured them?

There was one people he had heard of which had pulled off this miracle, this triumph of the human spirit. Judaism had sustained a nation and its dream for 1,800 years and then given them the strength to go back and build again. He needed to understand the secret of that endurance; maybe Tibetans could absorb the method. He came to us, with love, to ask for some help. Maybe the Jews could light the way through the night of exile for the Tibetan people.

We tried to help. The most important answer could not be spoken lest it sound like a dismissal of his faith—it was the sustaining will and presence of God, the covenantal promise that never failed. He sensed that, so he asked us: it was the experience of being the chosen people, wasn't it?

We tried to share all the other factors, too. Bringing the religion into the family so the home filled the void left by the Temple's destruction; expanding the religious leadership, bringing in a teaching class to raise the entire people's level of knowledge and understanding; developing a double vision so that Jews would be at home in other lands but never fully at home until the exile was overcome. We described how the prophets and Rabbis incorporated exile into the vision of the faith. Destruction is not rejection; exile is a call to follow God and mature in the faith—then restoration will follow.

As we struggled to explain and he to understand, I was moved by the lesson that the Dalai Lama was teaching us. Imagine if the spiritually seeking Jews who came to him had hidden their Jewishness out of ignorance and alienation. He and his people would have been denied the Jewish witness which they needed in order to live. The deeper lesson was that whenever the Jewish people is faithful to its own religion, whenever it shares its experience fully with others, it is truly "a light unto the nations." In exile and weakness then, in Israel and with power now, that is our calling. In the words of the ancient promise to Abraham, the first Jews: "Through you all the families of the earth will be blessed." (Genesis 12, 3).

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg is President and co-founder of CLAL—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a national Jewish organization dedicated to education for Jewish Leadership and to the building of a strong community based on the spirit "clal yisrael."



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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Jewish Book Month Events at Charlotte's JCC by Amalia Warshenbrot

The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte is one of seventy centers that celebrate Jewish Book Month every year. This year Jewish Book Month is celebrated from November 23 to December 23, 1989.

The Charlotte Jewish Community will open its celebration of Jewish Book Month on Sunday, December 10.

Some of the events are: Jewish Book Fair, The books, fiction and non-fiction for adults and for children will be available for immediate sale. We offer hundreds of recently published and Jewish best sellers. We've ordered Jewish classics as well as contemporary works, and have more children's books than before. Book sale will end on Wednesday, December 13. (For sale hours please call Amalia Warshenbrot at 704-366-5007.) Used books (Jewish and general) will be on sale on Sunday, December 10 only. Proceeds of sale will go to benefit Speizman Jewish Library Fund.

With Hanukah around the corner, books might be the gift that you have been looking for.

December 10 activities also include: story teller Beth Hutchison from The Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County; award

for the best Jewish Book Month art project in memory of Becky Shulimson; Temples' Hanukah gift shop sale, and an exciting evening with Susan Weidman Schneider.

The events are co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, Charlotte chapter of Hadassah and Speizman Jewish Library.

This year's evening with the author offers a timely topic with a familiar speaker. Ms. Schneider previously appeared here as a guest of the Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation. Her book about interfaith marriage is for Christians as well as for Jews. We expect many to attend. Please join us on Sunday evening, December 10. For more information on this event please call Nancy Blacker at 704-541-8835.

## Luski Family Hosts "The Many Faces of Yiddish Song" December 17 Charlotte, N.C.

Young or old, longtime Yiddishist or novice, you will want to be in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park on Sunday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m. for a rousing evening of "heimische" entertainment and culture. Zalmen Mlotek and Shoshana Ron, two of today's premiere interpreters of Jew-

ish music, will present "The Many Faces of Yiddish Song." Both Zalmen and Shoshana are gifted musicians and scholars of Jewish folk tradition. They will offer a narrated concert that traces the development of Yiddish music from its roots in the *shtetl* through its American evolution in the theater, synagogue and among the people.

The evening of song and story is hosted by the Luski Family as its first annual endowed Lectureship in Jewish Arts and Folk Culture. It is one of an ongoing series of Distinguished Lectureships sponsored by Temple Israel of Charlotte, N.C. The entire community is cordially invited to this special event, which is free of charge. The Luski's will also host a dessert buffet at the end of the program, to which all are welcome.

Zalmen Mlotek is a musician who is equally at home in the worlds of opera and Yiddish music. He has directed a number of Anglo-Jewish productions, appeared as guest conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra and has served as an opera coach for the Metropolitan Opera. Shoshana Ron, with her roots deep in the European and Israeli experiences, is a highly acclaimed soprano of whom a New York critic recently said, "Your songs brought tears as well as joy to all of us."

Zalmen and Shoshana come to us by way of a command performance, return engagement. They were the stars of this year's Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, and left everyone there clamoring for more. Through the graciousness of the Luski Family, the opportunity for "more" will become a reality on Sunday, December 17. Ask the folks who were at the Yiddish Institute about the treat that is in store for all of us.

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## Temple Beth Shalom Hickory, N.C.

by Liz Garrick

### Colorful Dedication for City Synagogue

Hickory turned out Sunday for the dedication of Temple Beth Shalom in Hickory, N.C., the new Jewish Synagogue. It was standing room only in the gleaming sanctuary on Highway 127 North.

On hand were visiting ministers from other churches, local, state and national political officials and many friends of the Jewish community.

The dedication included a ribbon cutting unveiling of the cornerstone, presentation of building keys and placement of Torahs. Rabbi Kalman Bland gave the opening prayer, and Al Garrick, president of the congregation, the welcoming address.

Greetings were extended by Father Wilbur Thomas, Priest at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. "What Is An Afro American Roman Catholic Priest Doing Here?" "We Are Family" in his address, expressing a need for all people to be bonded together.

The dedication address was made by Rabbi Mark Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte. Jewish unity was his subject. His proposals included a special relationship with each



Carrying the Torah Scrolls into their new sanctuary are (L. to R.): Sandy Guttler, Kurt Berndt, Ron Berndt, Marvin Zerden, Bob Friedman, Al Neulicht, Phil Datnoff.

other, the survival of Israel, avoid embracing the tactics and rhetoric of enemies, and to pull together.

Guests included Congressman and Mrs. Cass Ballenger, State Senator Austin Allran, Hickory Mayor William R. McDonald, Sheriff David Huffman, and a number of elected

and administrative Hickory officials.

The Rev. Gordon Sperry of St. Luke's Methodist Church gave the benediction, praising the community for its unity. A reception, which included food and wine and fellowship followed.



Leon Lerner cuts the ribbon at opening ceremony of Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory, N.C. Al Garrick, president, and Burt Sederholm assist.

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## Beth Israel Center Whiteville, N.C.

by Terry Kramer



*Sukkot celebration at Beth Israel Center, Whiteville, N.C.*

For the first time in over 30 years the Beth Israel Center held High Holiday services in Whiteville. Rabbi Joseph Lukinsky from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York led the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Members of neighboring communities joined us during the High Holidays.

Special thanks to Jackie and Ellen Steinberg for helping to bring the High Holiday services back to Whiteville.

Sukkot was celebrated at the Beth Israel Center two weeks after the start of Rosh Hashanah. The children of the community, along with their parents, helped make the Sukkah. Fruit, candy and wine were enjoyed by all.

Mazel Tov to Miriam and Sol Mann and to their son, David, on his marriage to Heidi Rosen on June 28.

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## Temple Emanu-el Myrtle Beach, S.C.

by Lorraine Wachter

Encouraged by a generous grant from the Chapin Foundation of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Temple Emanu-el has purchased four lots along Highway 17 North adjacent to our present property. This acquisition will provide for much needed parking space and will accommodate a new structure or addition which may be contemplated at some future date.

To provide for our present needs, Temple Emanu-el's existent building will be expanded and renovated to include a larger and more beautiful sanctuary, an enhanced kitchen facility and classrooms for our growing religious school. It is expected that we will start construction no later than the first of the year. Target date for completion is the Spring of 1990.

Our continuing gratitude goes to the Chapin Foundation, to our many generous contributors and to our dedicated Building Committee, who together are making possible this exciting progress for our congregation.

Friends who wish to assist with donations may send them to the following address: Temple Emanu-el Building Fund, P.O. Box 1171, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29578.

## Beth Jacob Congregation Winston-Salem, N.C.

Beth Jacob Congregation held another of its forums in the field of "Life Law and Religion" on November 18. The topic for that evening was "Medical Ethics: Abortion."

Participants in the forum were: Steven Block, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Michael Gerhardt, Assistant Professor, Wake Forest School of Law; Rabbi Aaron Mackler, University Fellow, Georgetown University and Kennedy School of Ethics; Michael Pollak, M.D., OB. GYN., Assistant Clinical Professor, Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sabbath Friendship Circle, meeting on Oct. 7 in its continuing survey of Comparative Religion, heard Father James Solari, pastor of St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Asheville. Father Solari has been affiliated with St. Eugene's for the past six years, and studied for six years prior in Rome. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Theology from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He is interested in archaeology, which he has pursued in the Middle East, including Israel.

Everyone was invited to the Sisterhood's continental breakfast on Oct. 21, preceding Rabbi Bluming's presentation of "What Makes Judaism Special." The Shabbat morning and the Sukkot Shemini Atzeret Festival concluded with Yizkor/Memorial prayers.

On Oct. 26, the Brotherhood held a bagel-and-lox brunch, and afterwards listened with interest to Dr. Gene Rainey, chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and political science professor at UNCA. His topic was "My First 300 Days."

Rabbi Bluming held a six-session adult education course covering Jewish customs and ceremonies, starting Oct. 12.

Sunday, Oct. 15 was a special day for Religious School when each child brought a fruit or vegetable to hang in the Sukkah.

### Our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming met with the new Asheville Police Chief on Oct. 3 to discuss ways the police can be more effective in dealing with the community. On Oct. 30, he spoke to the students of Montreat-Anderson on "Ways Christians can combat Anti-Semitism."

The rabbi will be teaching a course entitled "Introduction to Judaism" at Mars Hill College. Rabbi Bluming begins his fifth year as adjunct professor of Judaism at the college. The class is one of 168 across the



United States and Canada being underwritten by the Jewish Chautauqua Society this year.

Phyllis Bluming, our Religious School principal, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Asheville Child Abuse Center.

Welcome to new members: Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Greenberg, Ms. Jean Marder, Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Teven.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, North Carolina**

**by Lillian R. Wellisch**

Helen Benninga, Oneg Shabbat Chairman, wishes to say a special thank you to the following people who helped with the welcoming reception for Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and his wife Sara, on Friday, September 1: Kay Miller and Betty Sharpless for their help, Barbara and William Lewin for the flowers, to Carol Deutsch, Ellen Carr, Lundy Hartis, Shirley Kayne, Lillian Wellisch, Beatrice Gullotta, Sandy Winston, and Isabel Shulimson for fruit, pastry and other items and to Lillian Wellisch and Beatrice Gullotta for preparing the cakes, fruit, candy, etc. and setting the tables.

Liz Nigrosh, President of Sisterhood, tells us that over forty people came and enjoyed our opening event on September 9. The wine and cheese party, along with the Havdalah Service was a nice way to get together before the holidays. Special thanks to Rabbi Birnham, his wife, Sara, the Sisterhood Board and all of our guests.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services were conducted by our Rabbi Birnham. They were embellished by the participation of Pam Hoffman, who led the service at times in prayer and song: She was one of the first eighteen women to enter JTS Rabbinical School in 1984 and will be ordained in May, 1990. Harry Lerner, a Beth Israel congregant, further enhanced the services with his total involvement at the Yom Kippur services. It was a pleasure to be part of a Beth Israel Congregational commitment to prayer

and meditation at High Holiday time.

As other conservative Synagogues involved themselves, so did Beth Israel, with our Rabbi being the force behind the "Operation Isaiah" for our Synagogue. As quoted by the Rabbi, "that responsibility is certainly thrust to the fore as we read Isaiah's ever meaningful message in the Haftarah on Yom Kippur." Once again, this year children's services were held during the High Holidays.

A Break-the-Fast was held after Yom Kippur services. This year again, we were privy to a mouth-watering repast with Norma Feingold at the helm. Her kitchen helpers were: Hilda Ehrlich, Joann Feingold, Roz Freedman, Barbara Laibson, Arlene Schandler and Lillian Wellisch. Her servers were Rhoda Ambach and Joyce Greene.

In Synagogue News: Mazel Tov to Egon and Ilse Friedlander, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Justin Wine, on September 2 in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to Mia Wadopian who was married to Christopher Jaquette on September 9. We will miss Victor Shain who left Asheville and moved to Florida. We welcome the following new members of our Synagogue family: Mr. Rick Chess, Dr. Mark and Laura Hellreich, and Mr. Bernie Shulimson and Ms. Joyce Frankel.

The Ritual Committee reports that Dr. Joe Schandler has been recommended to be our Chasan Bereshit and that Joe Gullotta has been chosen to be our Chasan Torah. We at Beth Israel are indeed fortunate in having Joe Schandler, a native of Asheville and long-time devoted member, involved in leading services at times and in general serving the ritual needs of our Synagogue. Joe Gullotta, who moved to Asheville a couple of years ago, plunged in immediately in leading services also and serving as Gabai during Torah services. He is generally active behind the scenes, doing what has to be done.

The Ritual Committee and Beth Israel wish to acknowledge with thanks the contribution of Prayer-

books for the High Holidays by Ed and Joyce Greene.

Starting Wednesday, November 1, the Rabbi will join us for lunch and study on the first Wednesday of every month. This fall, also, Rabbi Birnham will offer two classes built around Emet Ve-Emunah. "These classes are not going to be just dogma," Rabbi Birnham remarks. "They will be open discussions of major issues, in keeping with the precept that a Conservative Jew struggles and learns and continually decides what it means to be a Jew," a full Jewish experience. Children's Hebrew classes began on Monday, October 16.

The Principal of Sunday School, Ruth Gaynes, reports that on Sunday, October 15, the Sunday School met at 10:00 a.m. for a Sukkot Story Telling Festival. The guest story teller was Fran Freudenberger. For Simchat Torah, October 22, the children gathered at the regular time to join the rest of the congregation in singing and dancing with the Torah scrolls. Sunday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., they met at the JCC for a storytelling concert with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb.

Also, on Sunday, October 15, Sisterhood sponsored a covered dish supper for the congregation, with Sally Katz and Carol Feingold in charge.

In the Jewish community, Southern Dharma sponsored a Succot Retreat with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb. The retreat began on October 20, with the building of a Sukkah and ended with the noon meal on Sunday, October 22. The Asheville Havurah brought Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, master storyteller, to our community. She performed at the JCC on Sunday, October 22.

And so we end the year 5749 by wishing all a "guteh, freilichah, gsunteh, nyah yahr 5750."

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## Steinberg - Ungvarsky Wedding Spartanburg, S.C.

Linda Joy Steinberg and David Andrew Ungvarsky, both of Bethesda, Md., were married in Spartanburg on Sunday, October 29. Rabbi Reeve Robert Brenner of Bethesda officiated at the noon ceremony which was followed by a reception and dinner-dance at LeBaron.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milton Steinberg of Spartanburg, Mrs. Ungvarsky attended Spartanburg High School and is an honor graduate of St. Mary's in Raleigh, N.C. She received a B.B.A. degree with honors in business management from the University of Georgia and is an Accounting Technician with the Department of the Navy at Health Sciences Education and Training Command, Bethesda, Md.

Son of Mrs. Andrew Julius Ungvarsky of Philadelphia, Pa. and the late Captain Andrew Ungvarsky, Mr. Ungvarsky was graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia and received an honorary B.A. degree. He obtained his Federal Aviation Administration certification as a licensed airframe and powerplant technician and is Director of Maintenance for the corporate flight department of Bell Atlantic Corporation, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Nancy Knoepp Lively of Spartanburg attended as matron of honor. Mrs. Marla Joy Steinberg of Spartanburg, sister-in-law of the bride, served as bridesmaid with Lieutenant Alison Marguerite Anderson of Quantico, Va. Also serving as bridesmaids were Commander Linda Diane McMahon of Jacksonville, N.C. and Ms. Cathy Ann Ungvarsky of San Diego, Ca. sisters of the groom.

Major Randall Dale McMahon of Jacksonville, N.C. brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Henry Jay Steinberg, brother of the bride, and Daniel Joseph Davis of Sterling, Va. were groomsmen. John Ira McMahon of Sparks, Nev. and Bill Kenneth Kemp of Martinez, Ga.



*Mrs. David A. Ungvarsky*

were ushers.

Andrew Johann Ungvarsky, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer.

After a honeymoon to The Cloisters on Sea Island, Ga., the couple is residing in Bethesda, Md.

### Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah by Johanna Lurie

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah is holding its 14th annual Gift wrap for Charity at Crabtree Valley Mall until Dec. 24. Proceeds are used to support medical research and treatment, announced Anne Bander, president.

Located on the Mall's lower level in front of Dunkin' Donuts, the Gift Wrap Booth is open the same hours as the Mall. Over 100 volunteers participate in this fundraiser, with gift wraps starting at \$1.00.

Hadassah has sponsored two interesting programs this fall. On Oct. 24, Ira Gissen, director of the North Carolina-Virginia Region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, spoke on, "Is Anti-Semitism Growing?"

Mr. Gissen is a recognized authority in the field of Human Rights and has testified before committees of the United States Congress and for agencies such as the Federal Reserve Board.

A world traveler, he has studied Human Rights and minority groups in Israel, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Hawaii, the Soviet Union, Japan and China.

Under three presidents, he has served our nation in positions of great responsibility where he helped create new programs of equal opportunity.

For eight years prior to that, he worked with the American Jewish Committee in the Midwest and New York.

### "Mediscope" Program

Dr. Alan Rubinow, head of the Rheumatology Unit at the Hadasah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, discussed recent advances in research and patient care in his field at a special "Mediscope" program, Nov. 12. Raleigh Chapter hosted Hadassah groups from Durham, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville and Kinston/Greenville.

In addition to his talk for Hadasah, Dr. Rubinow addressed Beth Meyer Synagogue congregants Shabbat morning, Nov. 11. The next day, Dr. Beth R. Friedland, a local ophthalmologist hosted a brunch at her home in Raleigh for Dr. Rubinow to confer with local physicians. Mrs. Susan Alberts, president of the Durham Chapter of Hadassah, arranged for Dr. Rubinow to tour the Duke University Medical Center.

Dr. Rubinow is Israel's leading authority on arthritis and immunological disorders. He is also acting head of Hadassah Medical Center's Allergy and Clinical Immunology Unit.

"Mediscope" is a national program sponsored annually by Hadassah which brings leading Israeli doctors from the Medical Center staff to the United States to speak in communities around the country.



## Hadassah Welcomes New Year by Purchasing 5750 Trees for Decimated Carmel Range

New York, Oct. 25—Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, announced recently that it is purchasing 5,750 trees to help replace those lost to arson in the Carmel Range in Israel last month.

"We are welcoming the new year of 5750 by purchasing a tree for every year of the Jewish past as a symbol of our commitment to Israel's future," Hadassah National President Carmela Efros Kalmanson said in making the announcement.

Vast areas of the Carmel Range south of Haifa were destroyed by five separately set fires last month. Officials of the Jewish National Fund estimated 1,200 acres of forest were affected by the blazes, which also caused the death of scores of rare animals at Hai Bar, the Mount Carmel sanctuary.

Hadassah is the largest organizational supporter of the JNF, and their partnership, which spans more than 60 years, has played an important part in the reclamation and development of the Land of Israel.

The organization, the largest Jewish women's volunteer group in the United States, last year pledged to purchase another 100,000 trees to replant JNF forests previously lost to arson.

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah has over 500 members with Audrey Madans as president. Communications vice-president is Bari Gorelick.



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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Chanukah Sale at Open House

Lubavitch Day School and Pre-school held their annual Open House on Sunday, November 12 at the Chabad House in Charlotte. The main attraction was a grand Chanukah Sale, which featured the latest in new Jewish toys, games and children books.

Also available were a full array of exciting new audio tapes from groups like "Uncle Moishy and the Mitzvah Men," Moshe Yess, "The Marvelous Midos Machine" and "The 36 Jewish Songs". The latest Jewish videos were on sale, ranging from educational to entertaining.

The creative Yarmulkas (skull caps) on display caught the attention of many parents who found Disney character Yarmulkes, Batman, Snoopy, Sports and, of course, Judaica Yarmulkes.

The event is part of an awareness program to inform the Jewish com-

munity of Charlotte of the Lubavitch School and its excellent educational system which is number one in quality.

In addition to shopping for gifts, parents and children were entertained with a special magic show, and participated in music and the arts with Peggy Davis, music teacher at Lubavitch School. Delicious Kosher beef burgers and hot dog lunches were on sale.

Lubavitch Day School and Pre-school teachers were on hand to answer questions about the School, and also encouraged children to participate in the many exciting arts and crafts activities. The over two hundred people who attended the Open House were amazed at the high level of sophistication the school presents, and were delighted to have the opportunity to taste Jewish education at its best.

Due to the success of this year's

Chanukah sale, Lubavitch is planning an even more extensive sale next November in time for Chanukah 1990.

### Other School Happenings

Students have been progressing nicely in their studies at the School. Although many of the activities are centered around holidays, the main thrust of the school is on basic Jewish and secular education.

Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, uses her creative techniques in teaching her young students the basic skills of reading and writing. For instance, if the children are learning letter "A" Susan will connect the children to that letter through special arts and craft project. Says Susan "In our special centers, we made Alligators, Animal Crackers, Apple delights and found Advertisements telling about items our family members would enjoy".

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Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, helped the children of Preschool and kindergarten build their own Mini-Sukka, complete with table and chairs, Sukkah decorations and the *Schach* branches. They even sang "Take me out to the Sukkah," a takeoff of "Take me out to the Ballgame."

Michelle Hodges, first/second grade teacher, has been advancing her students in reading, spelling, math and science projects. "Everyone has done a great job with spelling and they have the spelling tests to prove it," Michelle said. "We have just started a formal handwriting project and we hope to improve the formation of letters and neatness in writing."

The School has also hired Peggy Davis as the music teacher. Peggy not only teaches the children new songs, but is teaching them the dynamics of music, loud and soft, how to read notes, and some Italian phrases used in music.

The Preschool welcomes Eliza Schoenes as assistant Judaica teacher. Eliza brings with her many years of teaching experience with children of all ages. She has taught at the Hebrew Academy in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York, and has worked with Chabad-Lubavitch of Long Island.

Rabbi Binyomin Weiss has introduced the weekly Torah portion as a new project for his first and second graders. Rabbi Weiss also sends home a Parsha (portion) review sheet on Friday for the children to review the material with their parents.

The children have been progressing nicely under the able guidance of Rabbi Weiss, who has taught them daily prayers and created a special Mitzvah Book. The book contains important accomplishments such as honoring parents, sharing with friends, making blessings before meals and many more. Chanie Weiss has also created a Mitzvah Book for her students, which when filled the children earn a win in the Mitzvah Pitch Game.



*Eliza Schoenes*

### **Lubavitch of Columbia, S.C. Builds on Community's Sukkah Interests**

While driving around your neighborhood this past Sukkot holiday time, you may have noticed a rather large number of bright blue canvas Sukkot dotting the landscape.

You may have also noticed two bearded Rabbis, who would have looked more at home studying about Sukkot rather than making them, precariously perched atop ladders, deftly drilling holes, and tenaciously tightening nuts and bolts.

Who were these mysterious men?

- A. Chassidic carpenters
- B. Orthodox contractors
- C. Professional Sukkah builders

Actually they were none of the above. This was just another example of how Chabad of South Carolina works overtime in every imaginable way to bring the joy of practicing the Jewish holidays to your front door, or back yard as the case in point.

For many families in Columbia, this was the first opportunity to have their own Sukkah and share this fun and exciting Mitzvah with friends and neighbors together.

"This was real family affair," one Sukkah owner remarked. "We all got involved, even the kids helped by making decorations to hang on the walls and collecting branches for the *Schach* (thatched roofing on the top of the Sukkah)."

For Rabbi Epstein, Director of Chabad activities in Columbia, and his assistant, Rabbi Meir Muller, the

experience was as elating as it was exhausting. For over a week they were building a Sukkah-a-day."

Once we even had to take down a Sukkah we had just built and move it to the other side of the swimming pool!," said Rabbi Epstein.

Having already received several orders for next year, the Rabbis encouraged those wishing to purchase their own Sukkah to get their orders in early for the coming Sukkot season.

### **Sukkah BBQ Party**

What a combination! Hot dogs, Lulavs, Sukkahs, and the timeless tunes of the "Shtickmen."

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# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### Robert Penn Warren: The Insideness of the Outsider

When death came to Robert Penn Warren on September 15, 1989, the American people lost a distinguished writer, a poet and novelist marked for the ages. Though few Jews knew it, in Warren's passing the Jewish community lost a spiritual ally of significant proportions. I doubt that anyone ever thought about Warren as a spiritual ally, but in my mind's eye, and in my heart as well, he appears in that role, and, in a sense, he has always been my "Jewish" country cousin, partly an adopted relative and partly an adopted distant mentor whom I respected for his integrity as much as for his talent.

Of course, it was easy for me to think of Warren as a country cousin. Though he was a generation older, our lives, up to a point, ran along parallel lines. We were born in Kentucky hamlets about forty miles from each other, we graduated from the same high school in Clarksville, Tennessee, we earned degrees in English from Vanderbilt University, and the main starting point for our careers was in Louisiana where he came to teach at L.S.U. and I came to Tulane.

We shared something more, a kind of exilic identity, he as a Southerner and I as a Jew. Since the Civil War, Southerners have saddled themselves with an uneasy sense of being outsiders in their own land. In a mythopoetic context, they have made themselves into America's *Ostjuden*. Warren himself recognized the connection. In his book *Segregation: The Inner Conflict in the South* (1956) he wrote, "I remember a Yankee friend saying to me: 'Southerners and Jews, you're exactly alike, you're so damned spe-

cial.' 'Yes,' I said, 'we're both persecuted minorities.' I had said it for a joke. But had I?" Subsequently, Warren would comment again on the connection, observing that Southerners and Jews share "a certain *insideness* of the *outsider*."

The concept of the *outsider* with *inside* knowledge was a cornerstone of Warren's poetry, and in time he would use the Southerner-Jewish connection as well in three novels. When Warren reached Vanderbilt he was admitted into that company of academics and intellectuals who called themselves the "Fugitives." Allen Tate once described a Fugitive as one who was "quite simply a Poet: The Wanderer, or even the Wandering Jew, the Outcast, the man who carries the secret wisdom around the world." The source for this definition was the Nashville cabalist Sidney Mtttron Hirsch who fueled the Fugitive Movement both spiritually and financially.

It comes then as no surprise that several of Warren's protagonists and other key figures are either Jews or non-Jews who function as Jews, wanderers or outcasts. "Izzie" Goldfarb in *Flood* (1964) is described precisely in Tate's term as the "man who carries the secret wisdom around the world"; Adam Rosensweig in *Wilderness* (1961) is a Jewish outcast wandering in the Southern wilds; Isaac Sumpter in *The Cave* (1959) and Jed Tewskbury in *A Place To Come To* (1977) are non-Jewish exiles who see themselves as Jews or are perceived as being Jewish.

In the characterization of these figures, Warren exhibits, along with great sensitivity, a much more thoroughgoing knowledge of the Jews than has been, so far as I am aware, heretofore recognized. During his lifetime he came into contact with a number of them. The first Jews he met were relatives of mine from

whom his parents bought his clothes when he was a young boy living in Guthrie, Kentucky. Warren confirmed this in a letter to me in 1987. In addition to Sidney Mtttron Hirsch he knew the poet Laura Gottschalk Riding, who attached herself briefly to the Fugitives. Paul Rosenfeld, the writer and editor, was a special friend. In a memorial to Rosenfeld after his death in 1946, Warren credited Rosenfeld with "being responsible not only for publishing my first fiction but for its very existence." In his middle and later years there were other Jewish friends, too.

The strongest evidence of Warren's sensitivity and sympathetic identity with Jews is found in *A Place To Come To* and *Wilderness*. Only the merest evidence can be dealt with here, and that without elaboration. In *A Place To Come To*, Warren's protagonist, Jed Tewskbury, a brilliant Southern country boy teaching at the University of Chicago, surrounds himself with Jews; his mentor is Jewish, his second wife is Jewish, his son Ephraim is being reared as a Jew. Warren intends for us to see Jed as one who has a Jew buried within himself. Though he has a good Scotch-Irish name, if you conflate the words "Jed Tewskbury," substituting the "J" of the first name for the "T" of the surname and drop the "k," a buried Jew surfaces.

In *Wilderness* Warren gives us a Jewish protagonist who moves toward the achievement and exemplification of the Jewish concepts of Covenant, *Tsedakah* and *Menschlichkeit*. Adam Rosensweig, Warren's club-footed Bavarian Jew who comes to America and attaches himself to the Union Army in what he believes is a quest for freedom, is in reality in search of his Jewish self. Warren's positive orchestration of the Jewish elements in the novel is superbly handled. The novel itself is



rich and subtle; and while it will never be as famous as *All the King's Men* it has its own merits and, for Jewish readers particularly, its own rewards.

Robert Penn Warren belongs to the ages now. His place in American letters is secure. Other people will remember him in other ways; but the Jewish community should not forget, in an era filled with bigoted writers, Warren's pro-Semitism, his integrity and his willingness to use his talent to probe profoundly into the meaning of the American Jewish experience. As an outsider, his attraction to and understanding of the "insideness" of being Jewish makes him, in a special sense, to appropriate a Holocaust term, a "righteous Gentile."

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## **The Shrinking Circle (Memories of Nazi Berlin, 1933-1939)**

**by Marion Freyer Wolff**  
**UAHC Press 133 pp. \$7.95**  
**paperback**

**Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman**

This is a factual account of events in Berlin from the beginning of the Third Reich until the author departed for the United States with her parents and sister, in November of 1939.

Marion Freyer was fourteen years old when she arrived in America with memories of her previous years indelibly engraved in her mind. She has related the story of those years of her life and the situation in which she lived without emotion, and with enough clarity so that the reader lives with her through the growing horror of those seven years.

This book is recommended for readers of ages thirteen to fifteen. It is not juvenile, written in retrospect by an adult. It seems suitable for anyone to read, but is an important record for those to whom the 1930s seem ancient history.

The author indicts the free world, especially the United States and England, for failing to accept Jewish refugees from the Nazi terror when they were still able to leave Germany and German occupied countries later. Her immediate family left Germany legally, through sponsorship of an American cousin. They were fortunate to fall within the severely limited quota of U.S. immigration laws at the time.

In view of current events in Germany, who remembers the Germany of 1933 to 1939? Does it need to be remembered as the possibility of a reunited Germany is suggested in our daily news?

## **WARSAW: A Novel of Resistance**

**by Albert Litewka**  
**Sheridan Square Press 499 pp.**  
**\$21.95**

Warsaw, Summer 1942. A charismatic leader of the Jewish resistance, Abraham Bankart, continues to elude the Gestapo. In frustration, a cynical superior orders SS Lieutenant Eugen Glueck to enter the Warsaw Ghetto disguised as a Jew and to remain there until he has captured Bankart.

Thus begins a riveting manhunt—in the tradition of *Crime and Punishment* and *Les Misérables*—set in a period leading up to the most courageous and dramatic uprising of modern times.

As Eugen Glueck searches the ghetto for the man accused of murdering several Nazi collaborators and a Jewish policeman, he grows to admire the brave, rebellious Bankart.

Meanwhile, Bankart's comrades are busy organizing a general uprising against the Nazis. Gradually, Glueck is drawn into their sphere. When a skirmish breaks out between German troops and a small cadre of Jews in January 1943, Glueck finds himself pulled into battle in their midst—and for the first time in his life, he exercises a form of resistance.

*WARSAW, A Novel of Resistance*, is beautifully written, suspensefully paced, and alive with an extraordinary cast of characters.

No one who reads this moving tribute to the human spirit will ever forget it.

Albert Litewka is president of a broadcast and entertainment industry marketing firm. He has served as president of Macmillan General Publishing. Prior to undertaking a career in communications, he was a Woodrow Wilson National Graduate Fellow at the University of California at Berkeley and winner of an Academy of American Poets first prize as an undergraduate at UCLA.

Mr. Litewka, the son of Holocaust survivors, lives in Los Angeles and New York with his wife, the artist Erika Rothenberg, and their daughter, Clea. He is working on a new novel.

## **The Closed Circle: An Interpretation of the Arabs**

**by David Pryce-Jones**  
**Harper & Row 464 pp. \$25.00**

This bold and provocative book seeks to challenge our fundamental understanding of the Arabs with a realistic, if startling, appraisal of their society and of the deeply rooted forces that drive them in peace and war. The evidence is fascinating, the book is powerful.

In the postwar years the rise of nationalism and the spirit of self-determination swept through the Arab world, as elsewhere. Aspirations of Arab leaders, the influx of Western aid and technology and the riches of oil seemed to offer a new future. Yet four decades later, Arab nations are victims of civil war, violence and despotic regimes.

In no Arab country, Pryce-Jones argues, is there democratic process, freedom of speech or security guaranteed by law. Everywhere religious and ethnic minorities are persecuted; women are in subjugation and the vast wealth from oil has stupendously enriched a few, while for the many life remains poor. Why has

this happened instead of the progress envisioned decades ago?

The author shows that the Arabs are caught in a closed circle, defined by deeply rooted tribal, religious and cultural traditions. In a fascinating exploration of a complex culture, he describes how codes of shame, honor and power challenging, underlying Arab society for centuries, are alien to Western concepts of order, loyalty and justice.

These codes form the dark subtext of the Middle Eastern dilemma, the element that has confounded Western diplomatic and economic efforts.

The author argues that the Western mind has thus far been unable or has refused to understand the Arab characteristics, and that failure has undermined our policies in the Middle East.

David Pryce-Jones is the author of fifteen books. He spent three years writing this book on a lifelong interest which drew him back to the region to study Arab history and culture. *The Closed Circle* is a book to be read and considered by those seeking understanding.

### ***Jerusalem City of Mirrors***

by Amos Elon

Little, Brown and Co. 302 pp.

\$19.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A native Israeli, Amos Elon has spent most of his life in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, he is able to write objectively about this city, which has survived since prerecorded times, as no other city has done. He calls it a city of mirrors, because of the myriad images which are held by all who have known it. In his introduction, the author says, "The mirrors are sometimes parallel—arranged so the images run to infinity—and sometimes they are oriented like mirrors inside a kaleidoscope. The reflections you see in a kaleidoscope are forever changing with each turn."

That quotation illustrates the literary quality of the writing, and the background of the author's knowledge and extent of research cannot be described. It is evident in every page. Among the vivid depictions he paints of persons and sights with which he lives are images of beauty and tawdriness.

Four thousand years of history are recorded, back into mists of pagan civilizations which left their traces in succeeding cultures. Each seems to have bequeathed some kind of sanctity to the stones and streams. "Sanctity is always contagious and is passed on from one creed to the next," Amos Elon tells us.

This book recites the story of the series of cultures and religions which dominated Jerusalem. It describes the geography and climate, and it acquaints us with the nationalities which have occupied the city and their politics until today. Religion and nationality have been often fused and blurred, and throughout the centuries, war and killing have bloodied the soil.

So much blood has been spilled for conquest of territory, for proof of love of God, in sacrifice of animals whose blood was spewed without their consent, that the ground should be the best fertilized on the planet. That ground, however, rests on layers of remains of destructions by war and severe earthquakes. Jerusalem is the dream of the archaeologist, but most of it is not accessible, because of what stands today, or because the ground is sacred to one sect or another and may not be disturbed.

Jerusalem has been part of the background of most of the western world and central to the three dominant religions; yet, the book holds surprises for the reader. A colony of Armenians has been in Jerusalem for 1700 years, and gave refuge to thousands who fled the Turkish massacres of Armenians during World War I. Still they remain, generally undisturbed by occupants by managing not to "take sides." The des-

cription of the Armenians in Jerusalem, their site, their church and its rites are not much noticed by outsiders.

To the conditions prevailing in Jerusalem now, the author gives great illumination. He gives the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and its politics and the dispute raging today. He is deeply concerned with the bitter conflict between Jewish sects within the City. Thousands of Jews have moved to other parts of Israel, or have emigrated from Israel, refusing to be caught up in the bitterness between Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox and their growing militancy and attempts to force their practices on all Jews. The Christian population of Jerusalem has decreased to almost one-third of what it was in 1948, mostly by emigration to North and South America.

Amos Elon has written the story of Jerusalem as a tale of strife and hatred, of zeal and emotion, with reason never prevailing. He offers no solution. Jerusalem is, he says, "a city at war with herself." Peace, he says, depends on the waning of religion or nationality, if not both, and therefore peace is a remote possibility.

### ***The New Crowd: The Changing of the Jewish Guard on Wall Street***

by Judith Ramsey

Ehrlich & Barry J. Rehfield Little, Brown and Co. 444 pp. \$19.95

The authors of *The New Crowd* are journalists who tell of the rise to power, financially and socially, of these brash self-made Jewish entrepreneurs. They were outsiders who made their way, in tune with their times, through imagination and forcefulness and by creating a whole new way of doing business. They are the traders, the investment bankers, the corporate raiders who, despite the fact that they weren't welcomed in any of the financial industries at first, have succeeded in



becoming some of the wealthiest, most powerful businessmen in the country. They run Wall Street today.

*The New Crowd* includes Felix Rohatyn, Vienna-born Jewish refugee, who narrowly escaped becoming a victim of the Holocaust, who is now regarded by some as the most eminent investment banker in the world, who saved Wall Street and New York City from financial disaster; John Gutfreund, chairman of Salomon Brothers, whose success has spanned the globe, and who occupies a prominent place in New York society; and Sandy Weill, who became president of American Express. Also included are Ivan Boesky, Carl Icahn, Lew Glucksman, Saul Steinberg, Ace Greenberg and Mike Milken.

They have become philanthropic luminaries and support time honored institutions, formerly run by the old "Wasp Establishment."

Their success is the enactment of the American dream of wealth and power.

## Who Needs God

by Harold Kushner

Summit Books 208 pp. \$18.95

Harold Kushner has brought inspiration and comfort to millions with his bestselling books *When Bad Things Happen To Good People* and *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*. His new book, *Who Needs God*, has been written for those who have either lost their faith, simply drifted away from organized religion, or are among the many modern men and women who have difficulty believing that religion can be important to somebody in the twentieth century.

"I can't speak of what religion offers in general," Harold Kushner writes, "but I can speak of what it has come to mean to me, how it has shaped my life, and of the impact it has had on the lives of people I have known." And in *Who Needs God*, he shares "the ideas and the affirma-

tions on which I have based my life, the thoughts and guidelines with which I have tried to help others bring depth and order into their lives." *Who Needs God* is a powerful and persuasive exploration of the importance of religious commitment in our lives, one that makes it understandable and attractive to everyone—no matter how they live, no matter what their religious convictions.

In *Who Needs God* Harold Kushner shows us how even the most rewarding lives can be enriched and strengthened by religious commitment. "Religion is not primarily a set of beliefs, a collection of prayers, or a series of rituals," he writes. "Religion is first and foremost a way of seeing. It can't change the facts about the world we live in but it can change the way we see those facts, and that in itself can often make a real difference." Using examples from his own life, his ministry and from history he writes vigorously and persuasively in this pragmatic and ecumenical book about the difference a relationship with God can make in our lives. For Rabbi Kushner, faith offers:

- \* a new way of seeing the world, one that makes sense of life and gives it value;
- \* an imperishable sense of awe in place of the transient pleasures of man-made things;
- \* a new and continuing energy to carry on important work, even in the face of discouragement and exhaustion;
- \* forgiveness in place of guilt;
- \* values to guide our lives and help us make a difference in the world;
- \* community and cooperation to replace loneliness and competition in an age of isolation;
- \* and comfort and strength in place of fear and despair.

*Who Needs God* is for anyone who has wanted to find meaning in their lives. It is a book of universal appeal.

Harold S. Kushner has been the Rabbi of Temple Israel of Natick, Mass., since 1966. He is the author

of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* and *When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, best-sellers in both hardcover and paperback. In addition, *When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* received the Christopher Medal.

## Religious Holidays in the Public Schools

A booklet, *Religious Holidays in the Public Schools*, published by The American Jewish Committee, stresses that public schools are now "challenged to deal creatively and sensitively with students professing many religions and none."

Many issues are addressed, including the advisability of including in school curriculum the teaching about religious holidays, religious symbols and religious music.

The booklet suggests steps to be taken in school districts to respect religious liberty and to advance education. Needs in a community need to be considered and resources provided for teaching *about* religions in ways that are constitutionally permissible. Teachers, school officials and parents should participate in discussion and cooperate for the sake of good education.

(The American Jewish Committee has a previously published booklet written by Marilyn Braveman dealing with Christmas celebration in public schools. It is entitled, *The December Dilemma*. It is intended to ease the difficulty that arises every year.)

Sixteen respected and diverse organizations have agreed on guidelines for holiday programs which can include all children. This booklet demonstrates the strength of diversity in American life.

Copies are available without charge from the Education Dept., American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10022. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request.

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## DECEMBER 1989

### CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR – FROM DREAMS TO REALITY

"It's lovely, everything I had looked forward to and hoped it would be," said Mrs. Rachel Shapiro as she settled into her room at the new North Carolina Jewish Home for the Aged. Mrs. Shapiro, 90, of Winston-Salem, arrived early, 9:30 a.m., the first resident to move into the new Home. Staff, board members, and individuals connected with the development of the Home were there to greet Mrs. Shapiro when she arrived that morning as reported in the *Twin City Sentinel*, Winston-Salem, that same day, Wednesday, October 20, 1965.

Later in the day, four other residents were to arrive with seven more scheduled for admission that week. At 12:15 p.m. on October 20, Rabbi David Rose of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem placed the mezuzah on the doorpost of the main entrance. The dream of a Jewish Home was truly a reality welcoming those who chose it for their home.



*Elbert Levy, Executive Director of the Home, 1964-79, is now an active volunteer.*

The staff was small. On opening day, Mr. Elbert Levy was the Executive Director, Mrs. Gladys Holcomb was Director of Nursing, and Mrs. Sallie Watkins was Director of Food Services together with two RN's, one LPN, and dietary help. Mr. Levy was Executive Director until 1979 and Director of Planning and Development until his retirement in 1981. According to Elbert Levy, "There was just a hole in the ground when I arrived in 1964

but by October, 1965, a nursing wing with dining room, nurses station, and 24 rooms for residents was completed and opened for living."

And living was what the Home was about. Elbert Levy had a watchword: "activate—don't vegetate." Residents were encouraged to dress, participate, and be involved. With ingenuity, even non-ambulatory residents were taken on trips and to events. Remembering the not-forgotten words of an ill resident following a trip to the circus, Elbert Levy said, "He looked at me and said, 'This gave me life.'"

In 1965, modern geriatrics stressed independence. "... We teach them to do for themselves. Independence brings a happier outlook and a happier outlook means more longevity," said Mr. Levy in an article in the *Greensboro Daily News*, November 29, 1965. The mansion, attached to the new

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(From Dreams to Reality continued)

nursing wing, became the administrative building and housed the facilities that made an active life possible. The 1st floor included the synagogue as well as rooms for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and recreation with weaving looms, ceramics, and sewing machines. Residents took the elevator to the 2nd floor to reach podiatry and dental clinics along with the beauty shop. The resident wing was divided with the less active residents living closer to the dining room. "The young old and the old old would mix well and the ill slightly and it made for a community. We called ourselves a family," said Mr. Levy.

Right: Viva Klezmer entertain in the BJH courtyard for the Sukkot Celebration, 1989.



Above: the lawn, mansion, and new A-Wing addition as they appeared in 1965.



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# FAIR OAKS

## ON THE ROAD, AGAIN



*Bernice Goldfinger and Bertna Marrus are enjoying the visit to the scenic Mabry Mill.*



*Volunteer, Harriet Wallach, and FAIR OAKS resident, Anna Shapiro, receive instruction at the Reynolda House art studio.*

Fall weather in the Piedmont of North Carolina beckons one outdoors and FAIR OAKS residents responded to the call to enjoy nature's beauty. In good spirits, they took to the road again on Monday, October 23. An autumn leaves trip was the feature destination as the BJH bus headed to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mountain scenery, changing leaves, and a visit to Mabry Mill and a nearby winery were the highlights of the day. A country buffet at the Woodberry Inn on the parkway was a delightful change of pace.

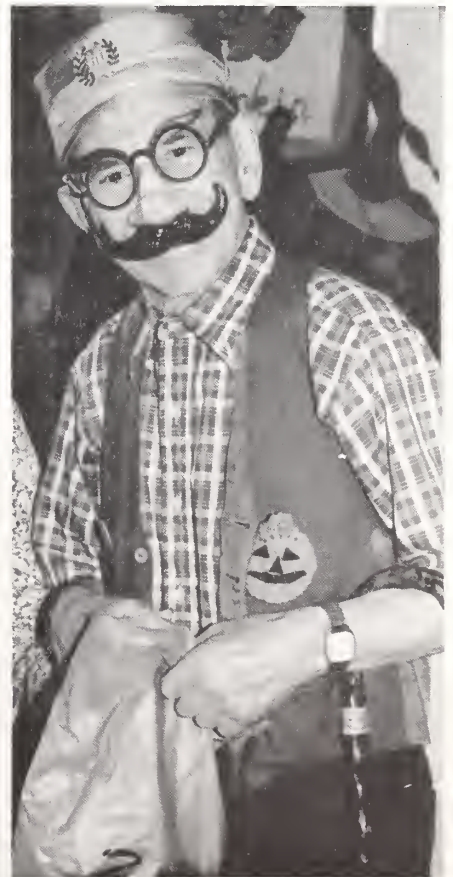
Closer to home was the short jaunt over to Starmount Country Club in Greensboro on October 25. This monthly treat, sponsored by Greensboro volunteers, is proving to be a popular item on the calendar. The delicious food and beautiful setting are just a close second to the warm friendships that are being formed with these gracious volunteers.

Weekly visits to Reynolda House, Museum of American Art, is the newest activity on the schedule. Participants in the Art Discovery for Older Adults Program are enjoying tours of the art collection correlated with hands-on art experiences. Experimentation is encouraged as is having a good time. Creativity can be part of everyone's life at FAIR OAKS for FAIR OAKS offers new life to those living there.

Right: Sigmund Meyer, always creative, is ready to greet "trick or treaters" at FAIR OAKS.



*Rhoda Fleischer, Greensboro volunteer, welcomes George Lewin and Moe Mandel (background) to Starmount Country Club.*





# SUE'S NEWS

## NO TRICKS TO VOLUNTEERING



*No one was afraid to sample the witches' brew served by these friendly "witches" from the Anchor Club.*

There weren't any tricks but there were lots of treats when a group of new volunteers created the spirit of Halloween at BJH. Members of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club turned the Commons Auditorium into a not-too-spooky fun house where residents were treated to witches brew, face painting, and fortune telling. Bobbing for donuts and feeding bean bags to the pumpkin or snaring a ghost were booths created to test one's skill and guarantee a good time.

There weren't any dark spirits around this Halloween as these light-hearted volunteers brought a joyful spirit into the Home. We can look forward to more monthly programs conducted by the girls' Anchor Club as the members have chosen BJH for

their service project this year.

Young volunteers from the Stepping Stones Day Care and the BJH "roll & strollers" kept residents busy handing out candy as they went trick or treating through the halls. The "roll & stroll" volunteers (mothers and tots) visit weekly and bring the joys of children to our halls.

There are really no tricks to volunteering. We invite you to join us. The treats are immeasurable!

Volunteers are needed to light Chanukah candles and sing Chanukah songs each evening December 22-29. Please call Sue Clein 919-766-6401 if you would like to help the residents celebrate.



*Young "roll & stroll" volunteers delighted residents with their Halloween costumes. Above: Skye Musson and her mom, Georgeanne. Below: Daniel Horwitz and a friendly rabbit.*



### WISH LIST

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## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER (AND EARLY JANUARY)

### DEC.

- 3 Cheryl Green, clown and juggler, individual units, 2 p.m.
- 5 Monthly birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 8 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Leave for Nutcracker, Winston-Salem, 1 p.m.
- 12 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 13 Leave for Reynolda House Christmas party, Winston-Salem, 2:30 p.m.
- 18-20 Leave for Holiday Lights trip (Fair Oaks), A & B Wings, Winston-Salem, 6 p.m.
- 19 Leave for "Out to Lunch", Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 20 Christmas party, Stepping Stones Day Care, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 21 Love Feast, staff dining room, 10 a.m.
- 22-29 1st through 8th Chanukah candle lighting, individual units, 5 p.m.

### JAN.

- 1 New Year's party, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 9 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 10 a.m.
- 11 Junior League Music Makers, Commons Auditorium, 9:45 a.m.



*FAIR OAKS resident, Hannah Ackerman, is ready with treats for the young "trick or treaters."*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

Fannie Benson  
 Clara Borenstein  
 Ben Bruck  
 Mary Cohen  
 Sarah Cohen  
 Annie Gibson  
 Bernice Goldfinger  
 Mary Greenberg  
 Ella Gunzberger  
 May Herrick  
 Bertha Johnson  
 Herbert Kandall  
 Sarah Mackler  
 Moe Mandel  
 Ruth Menins  
 Marguerite Newberry  
 Kate Pliner  
 Ida Robinowitz  
 Stewart Shore  
 Floy Vieira  
 Dora Wolf



*Left: Dolly Wolf enjoys the Anchor Club's face painting booth at the Halloween party.*

# RESIDENTS WIN 11 RIBBONS AT DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR



*Ida Temko was quite happy with her 1st prize ribbon and a check.*



*Fay Wexler, FAIR OAKS resident, won 1st prize for her fabric rabbit.*



*Jane Rosenberg is quite proud of the ribbon she received for her autumn landscape.*

The BJH Craft Shop "regulars" have done it again. They entered 26 items in the Senior Citizens Division of Arts and Crafts at the Dixie Classic Fair and came home winners. Each entry was proudly displayed and 11 were given ribbons (6 of which included cash prizes).

The following prizes were awarded:

## OIL PAINTINGS

**First Prize:** Ida Temko, seascape

**Second Prize:** Naida Tyo, rural landscape

**Third Prize:** Jane Rosenberg, autumnal landscape

**Fifth Prize:** Eva Weinberg, clown

## OTHER CATEGORIES

**First Prize:** Fay Wexler, fabric rabbit

Faye Moss, fabric Christmas wreath

**Second Prize:** Eula Carter, pillow cases

Alice Fruh, ceramic pumpkin

**Third Prize:** Naida Tyo, Christmas tree

**Fourth Prize:** Sarah Blau, doll

**Fifth Prize:** Rose Halpern, knitted baby afghan

## OTHER EXHIBITORS

Helene Baruch

Esther Pearson

Clara Steiner

Florence Swirsky

Mary Taylor

Congratulations to each and every one of these creative residents. We're proud of you!

*Below: Faye Moss's many hours in the Craft Shop guaranteed a winner with her fabric wreath.*



## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Monte Boone, Sr.

Alice Fruh

Ceil Harrison

Rose Pliskin

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



## MELINDA HARTLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS



*Melinda Hartley.*

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Melinda Hartley to Director of Admissions. Melinda has been a social worker with the Social Services Department of the Home since February, 1989. She is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, and received her B.S.W. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1981. Melinda had been a social worker with the Forsyth County Department of Social Services and the Director of Social Services at Winston-Salem Convalescent Center prior to coming to BJH.

Melinda says she loves working at BJH as she enjoys the opportunity to learn about a culture and traditions that are new to her and to meet people from different backgrounds. She is enthusiastic about her new position as Director of Admissions. This will enable her to offer assistance to others along with the opportunity to meet new people.

Melinda brings to this position not only her background in social work but also an excellent

knowledge of computers and an energetic, cooperative and caring spirit.

Melinda, her husband, William, and two sons live in Welcome, North Carolina. Melinda has been a fine addition to our staff, and we congratulate her on this new role.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in December:

#### **12 Years**

Bonnie Ayers,  
*Director of Personnel*

#### **10 Years**

Martha Shinault, *LPN, B-1*

#### **9 Years**

Susie White, *Accounting*

#### **8 Years**

Melvorine Holton, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

#### **6 Years**

Angela Moon, *LPN, B-1*

#### **4 Years**

Donald Morris,  
*Exec. Vice President*

#### **2 Years**

Lucile Shaw, *RN, Unit Mgr. of FAIR OAKS*

#### **1 Year**

Wanda Huffman,  
*Housekeeping*  
Gail Ruthfield, *Social Services*

## BJH NEWS

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## JULY, 1989 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



### JUDY PETTY, DIETARY

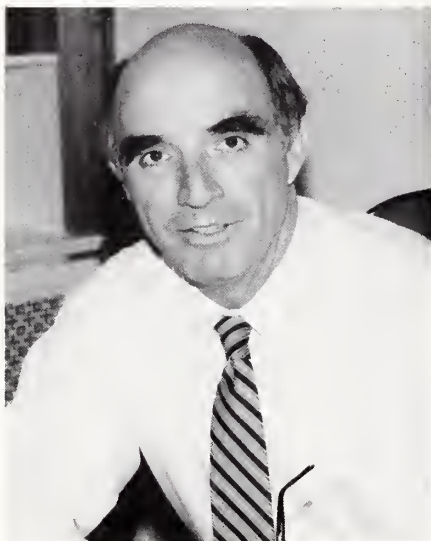
For Judy Petty, devotion to the job and to the Home are inseparable. Judy has worked in the dietary field for 27 years and has been a dedicated employee of the Home for 10 years since joining the dietary staff in September of 1979.

Judy said she was pleased and surprised to be chosen as Employee of the Month. She likes her job and enjoys working with both the staff and the residents. In her free time, Judy says she especially enjoys talking with residents and she observes, "You can always learn something from the elderly." Always ready to give of herself, Judy has volunteered to assist on outings on her days off.

Judy said she likes working at BJH because of the caring that is shown to both residents and staff. "I think everyone cares for the residents here. You can see it . . . there is an attitude here of everyone helping everyone else. The Home has really helped me since my illness. You may not be able to stand in someone's shoes but you can sure stand beside them," said Judy.

Sensitive and caring, Judy Petty is a staff member BJH is proud to honor.

# BOB YOUNG JOINS BJH AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



*Bob Young.*

Blumenthal Jewish Home welcomes Bob Young as the new Director of Development. Bob joins us after the successful completion of a \$15 million campaign as Director of Development for the Thompson Cancer Survival Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. He brings to this position a wealth of experience

and knowledge in the field of development and community relations.

A native of Asheville, Bob spent his school years in North Carolina, receiving his A.B. degree in religion from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1957 and his Master of Divinity from Duke University in 1960. His extensive career includes 25 years as a Methodist minister serving 10 years as Dean of Duke Chapel and minister to the university. Bob's additional work in the field of development has been with Duke University, Ketchum, Inc., of Pennsylvania, and U. S. Senator Terry Sanford.

Bob is looking forward to this new challenge. His focus has always been working with people and his knowledge, warmth, and sensitivity are additional assets he brings to the job. He says he is most impressed by the

beauty of the Home, the caring of the staff, the sense of concern that is evident, and the positive interaction between residents and staff. He sees the richness of this Home expressed in its concern for those needing assistance and the emphasis on meeting the spiritual needs of all residents. His hopes are to continue to make this possible and to keep the Home growing with charitable giving.

Bob says he is looking forward to getting to know residents, families, friends and supporters in the Carolinas and working with them to find ways to guarantee the future of this excellent facility.

He and his wife, Virginia, will be living in Lewisville, and he says they are glad to be back home in North Carolina. We are also glad they are back in North Carolina and look forward to getting to know them.



*William Sugg, BJH Medical Director, reads the plaque presented at the annual meeting in appreciation of his 24 years of service. Dan Horvitz, President, and Don Morris, Executive Director, join in the ovation shown Dr. Sugg.*



*Herman Blumenthal (left) presents Cy Jacobs the CAJWM Yetta Leder Award for his years of dedication to the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, the development of the Scholarship Fund, and his work with CAJE.*



# What's Developing?

## A personal word to our Friends . . .

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

As we approach the end of this tax year, this is a perfect time for Friends of the Home to make a special gift to the Home — one that will benefit you tax-wise and one that will help us in our current Capital Campaign.

You may want to make a CASH contribution to the Home. There are several advantages to this. You would receive benefit of the full amount of your contribution, as a tax-deductible charitable gift.

Your gift would provide immediate financial help to the Home. Your gift could be applied to any one of a number of causes at the Home, and we would be happy to discuss these with you.

You may want to give SECURITIES (stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other assets) that have appreciated highly in value. This is an excellent way to make a gift. You get benefit of the full market value of the securities as your tax-deductible charitable gift. You avoid paying 28% or 33% capital gains tax. The Home sells the SECURITIES and has immediate benefit of your gift.

You may want to give REAL ESTATE that has appreciated highly in value.

Again, you get full benefit of the appraised market value of your property as your tax-deductible contribution to the Home. You do not pay any capital gains tax. There are several ways to give your property — as an outright gift, as a

gift with rights to continue to use the property, or other ways that may appeal to you.

You may want to make a gift that will eventually go to the Home but provide you income (often increased income!) for life. A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST offers great possibilities for benefits — to you and the Home. You get a tax deduction for your gift; you increase your cash flow with your tax savings; you may increase your income with the payments you receive from the TRUST; and, your gift eventually comes to the Home.

These are just a few of the options you have for making a helpful gift to the Blumenthal Jewish Home. We will be pleased to talk with you — to explore various possibilities, to answer any questions you have, and to be of help any way we can. Call Bob Young or Dee Shneiderman at 919-766-3035.

When you give, regardless of the method you choose, more important, perhaps, than anything else is the satisfaction you will have in helping those who need us and those whose lives will be healthier and better because of your gift.

Best wishes for a happy Hanukkah as we work to finish lighting our Fair Oaks Capital Campaign Menorah.

— Bob Young



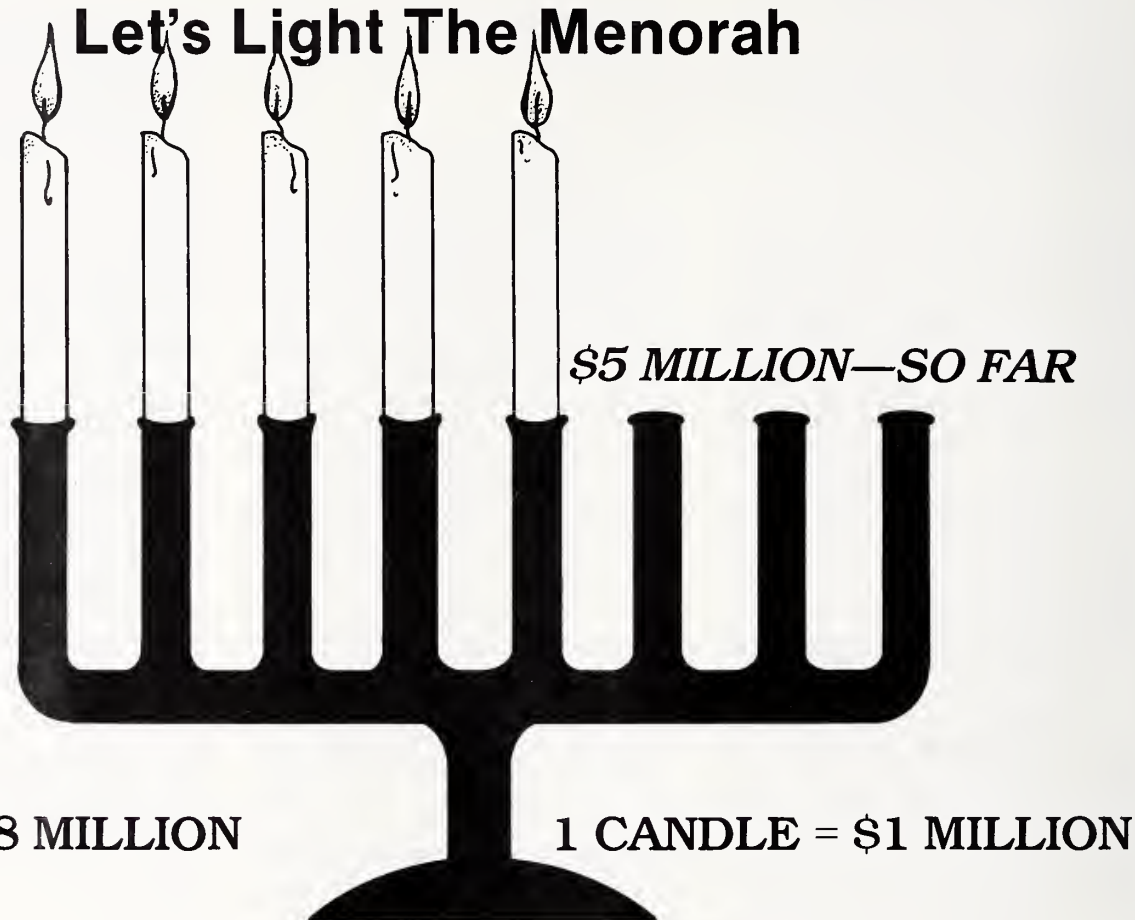
*Above: Elizabeth Small receives a warm thank you from Dan Horvitz for her work with the Home Store in Charlotte and for the generous \$13,000 check presented to BJH.*

*Below: Minnie Sutker, left, was the proud recipient of the CAJWM Yetta Leder Award for devoted years of service presented by Sandy Deckelbaum, on the right, at the annual meeting.*



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# Times Outlook



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# What Is So God Almighty Important About Public Prayer?

*by Rabbi Marc Wilson*

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An invocation at the opening of a day in court. A mayoral Praise-the-Lord-and-Pass-the-scrambled-eggs. A behest for God's guidance of ball through hoop at Hornets' games. Prayer at odd and curious public occasions. Civil libertarians debate the legal precedents that keep Church separate from State. Religious minorities and their sympathizers dither over sectarian phrases that imply the disfranchisement of those who don't affirm a particular dogma.

An essential question, however, is rarely posed. What I'd like to ask praying judges and born-again mayors is, "What is so God Almighty important about prayer?"

It is not a question to be barked impudently by heretics and atheists. It is a matter to be raised by people of good faith who are concerned with finding a positive role for religion in the comings and goings of civic life. Why pray in places where we undertake secular communal endeavors?

### **3 Unspoken Assumptions**

There are three unspoken assumptions about prayer in public forums that are a thousand times more disquieting than an occasional "in Jesus' name" or allusion to some sectarian doctrine:

1. The underlying premise of prayer in a courtroom, council chamber or civic occasion is that the primary contribution of religion to social well-being is prayer, and that prayer must mean an appeal for divine intervention in the course of human events. Many of us, however—including many devout Christians—are steeped in a tradition that believes the most important contributions of religion to the commonwealth are wisdom, transcendent perspective and moral guidance.

We believe that prayer is not an end itself, but simply a rehearsal while waiting in the wings for the real role that God has for us on the stage of life. Many of us embrace a theology in which prayer for divine intercession contradicts the vision of God and his children working harmoniously in sacred partnership. We pray not for God to miraculously reorder our lives, but for determination and guidance to do those things that God expects us to take on as our human responsibility.

2. It is particularly disturbing when a public official reads a list of concerns that more than vaguely resembles his or her political platform and then asks those gathered to pray that God hasten its ratification and thwart its opponents.

The broad implication is that we will tell God how we have decided His world should be run, and He will obediently answer "You've got it!" To many of us this is a shameful abuse of prayer, if not outright heresy. We should be praying to God for the insight necessary to establish a fair and just civic agenda, not to rubber-stamp approval on an agenda we have already determined was right.

3. The impetus to co-mingle religion with public processes takes off from the premise that religious community and civic leadership should work together in cohesive partnership. That has a nice ring to it, but it denies the even more crucial prophetic role that religion and religious leadership must play in social advancement. The Judeo-Christian tradition warns those of religious inclination to keep a healthy distance from those in political power. Drawing too close might compromise the position of moral autonomy that religious leaders need if they are to be gadflies and critics of corruption and social injustice, in the great prophetic tradition of Nathan, Elijah, Amos, Jeremiah and Jesus of Nazareth.

### **Yes-Men Not Needed**

The integrity of both religion and public processes is seriously threatened when religious leaders become yes-men for the politically influential, or when political leaders are patsies of the religiously influential.

Back in the days of Nixon's "Imperial Presidency," Gary Wills commented about a national religious celebrity who will remain unnamed, "It is well to remember that real prophets are ridden out of countries on a rail, not invited to preside at their National Prayer Breakfasts." As appealing as it sounds for religion and civic processes to work together hand-in-glove, it is even more important that there be a little healthy distance, so that each may challenge the other in its inevitable desire to become overly powerful and manipulative.

So, perhaps it is not that praying over the daily ebb and flow of civic endeavors is "too much" religion. Perhaps praying in public forums on public occasions lets religion off the hook too easily. Perhaps the places where civic processes are hammered out—our courtrooms, council chambers and the like—were meant for a destiny far more consecrated than a few perfunctory words of devotion. Perhaps they were meant to be the laboratories in which we prove to God, as much as to ourselves, that our prayers have been merely a prelude, a rehearsal, to living consistently by the words we have prayed and by the values we may affirm with our lips but deny with our deeds.

*Marc Wilson is rabbi of Temple Israel in Charlotte, N.C.*



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## Harpo

Harpo is gone.

It will be difficult to answer inquiries about him at Wildacres this summer.

For sixteen years he was constant companion to Philip, ever faithful, dear, unique cananality. He accepted attention and caresses from everyone else without enthusiasm. When thirsty, he was not particular about whose hand turned the knob of the water fountain, so that he could stand and drink. On some occasions, he would walk a path with hikers. He didn't insist on being fed only by Philip, but no one doubted that his heart belonged to Philip.

Seldom was he heard to bark. He did voice objections to the arrival of a strange dog, motorcycles or the UPS truck and other panel trucks. He knew he was responsible, as sole proprietor of Wildacres.

Beloved of thousands, his presence was enjoyed by more people than most dogs meet. Everyone will miss him.

It is good to reflect that he lived a good life, cherished and well appreciated. Still, there is an aching feeling, because Harpo is gone.

by Estelle Hoffman



Workers prepare liters of chicken soup at the Pava Street Kosher Kitchen in Budapest. UJA Press Service Photo by Edward Serotta.

# Tu b'Shevat 5750

## Ed. Note:

The Jewish holiday of Tu b'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat, corresponding to February 10, 1990) is the New Year of Trees, a time for planting and celebrating the prosperity which trees signify. This holiday goes back to the time of the Temple.

Israel is demonstrating to the world that the planting of trees produces favorable ecological conditions for the protection of the environment.

## Israel's Afforestation Policy: An Example for World Ecology

by Dr. Samuel I. Cohen

Recent years have seen the world's forests dwindling, aggravating such serious ecological problems as the greenhouse effect, desertification and soil erosion. In contrast to such international trends, the Jewish National Fund, Israel's land reclamation and afforestation agency, planted more trees last year than ever before.

Of all current environmental issues, the greenhouse effect is causing the most concern. Harmful gases such as carbon monoxide exhaust fumes from cars and carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuels are accumulating at the lower part of the atmosphere and preventing heat from escaping. This has resulted in a warming of our atmosphere by an estimated average of three degrees centigrade over the past 50 years. Trees can have a positive effect on this critical situation by absorbing some of these harmful gases and producing oxygen through photosynthesis.

Dr. Menachem Sachs, chief scientist of JNF and head of its Southern Division, warns that trees alone cannot remedy the greenhouse effect. "But if man stops chopping down existing forests, and increases the planting of new ones," he says, "this will make a significant difference."

For Israel, the greenhouse effect is considerably less acute than elsewhere, because JNF's work has resulted in innovative agricultural and

afforestation achievements in semi-arid climates, checking such ecological phenomena as desertification and soil erosion. While many countries, especially in the developing world, are daily losing land and valuable soil to the encroaching desert, Israel is actually succeeding in "rolling it back."

Many of the record 3.5 million saplings that JNF planted last year are located in areas collecting 12 inches of annual rainfall or less. "The Yatir and Lahav forests, for example, each some 7,000 acres in size," explains Dr. Sachs, "are unique. Nowhere in the world do such large forests flourish on such meager rainfall. And with our new method of harvesting runoff water, we can grow trees in areas where there is even less rainfall." JNF has made great strides, for example, in developing a greenbelt around Beersheba, providing new recreational areas for residents of the Negev desert city.

In order to create this greenbelt, JNF employed many of the methods also developed for nurturing desert vegetation. By building a ridge, digging a furrow or constructing strategic terraces, water can be directed where it is needed—either to nurture a new cluster of trees or to replenish underground water tables.

Furthermore, with less than 50 percent of Negev rainwater now permeating into the underground water table while the remainder flows wastefully down canyons into the sea, conservation is a priority. For this purpose, JNF has already built a number of dams and reservoirs. Close topographical study also indicates which parts of the landscape receive more water than others. Clearly, bottoms of hillsides which receive the runoff rainwater from higher up are better suited for tree growing.

JNF also places strong emphasis on reducing soil erosion caused during winter floods. Trees and embankments redirect the flow, decreasing the amount of riverbed banks washed away, while other trees planted along rivulets leading into the main flood channels pre-



*An innovative way of growing trees in arid zones with insufficient rainfall is to create catchment basins at low points. The basins allow water draining down from the surrounding slopes to accumulate, penetrate the soil and provide adequate nutrition for small groves of trees. Such groves, known as "limans," have been established by the Jewish National Fund throughout the northern Negev desert.*

vent further erosion from fissures. These efforts have prevented the loss of literally hundreds of acres of arable land.

Dr. Sachs regrets that countries in North Africa which are losing thousands of acres each year while their people starve are not taking advantage of the expertise which could be gained through direct cooperation with Israel. He hopes, however, that joint projects among JNF, the University of Georgia, and the University of Goettingen in West Germany will result in help for these countries through indirect contacts. To further ecological research, JNF is working with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the National Parks Authority and the newly formed Ministry of the Environment to offer scholarships for original research.

Limited resources and an environment neglected for centuries have compelled Israel to improve its ecological balance. Indeed, the lessons learned there must be applied elsewhere. The greenhouse effect, desertification and soil erosion are ecological blights that will not disappear. There could be few better resolutions for mankind than a greater resolve to tackle these crucial issues.

*Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, is executive vice president, Jewish National Fund.*



# The Media

**Ed. Note:** Several months ago, PBS aired a program, "Days of Rage," which presented the Palestinian viewpoint on the "intafada" or uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Jewish organizations and individuals protested but could not prevent the showing. Pressure was such that PBS has now prepared "A Search for Solid Ground: The Intafada through Israeli Eyes," airing January 16. We recommend watching the broadcast.

Following the articles on the PBS program, we have printed a summary of an American Jewish Committee forum which examined the role of the media in combatting prejudice. We are gratified that PBS is giving Israel's perspective on the Palestinians.

## **"A Search for Solid Ground: The Intifada through Israeli Eyes" Offers Israeli Perspective on Palestinian Uprising, Tuesday, January 16 on PBS**

Israeli perspectives on the "intifada," or the uprising of the Palestinian inhabitants of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, and how a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East might be achieved are the subjects of a 90-minute program, "A Search for Solid Ground: The Intifada through Israeli Eyes," premiering Tuesday, January 16 on PBS (check local listing).

Hosted by journalist Hodding Carter, the program takes its title from an hour-long film by independent executive producers Peter Kunhardt and Richard Plepler and producer/filmmaker Steve Brand that presents an in-depth look at the *intifada* from mainstream Israeli viewpoints. Following the film, a 30-minute panel discussion, produced by Thirteen, WNET/New York and moderated by Mr. Carter, will explore the major proposals for peace in the region that have emerged in recent months. The program is presented on public television by WNET/New York.



*Israeli soldiers shown on PBS film "A Search for Solid Ground: The Intifada through Israeli Eyes."*

### **"A Search for Solid Ground"**

Hodding Carter will introduce "A Search for Solid Ground," setting it in context as part of PBS's ongoing coverage of issues in the Middle East. Shot in Israel in the summer of 1989 and narrated by former NBC News correspondent Richard Valeriani, "Solid Ground" offers a comprehensive portrait of how Israelis perceive and respond to the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, how it is affecting daily life in Israel, and what Israelis think it means for their future.

Moving from the edge of the West Bank to the Western Wall, from the "front lines" of the conflict to the homes of Israeli families, "A Search for Solid Ground" features interviews with a wide range of Israelis, including residents (several of whom are American expatriates), government officials, military personnel and students, as well as footage of the conflict between *intifada* participants and Israeli soldiers.

The Israelis interviewed in "A Search for Solid Ground" give voice to the dilemma faced by their country, which they feel must weigh the need for preserving security with the moral cost of occupying lands inhabited by a million and a half Arabs who deeply resent Israel's presence. The film reveals the fierce

debate within Israel over how the country's military is handling the *intifada*, whether Israel should negotiate with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and whether and under what terms it should withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### **Panel Discussion to Assess Peace Plans**

Since "A Search for Solid Ground" underscores the uncertain future that awaits both Israelis and Palestinians, the panel discussion following the film will center around the varied and complex proposals for achieving peace in the region that are currently being debated. To provide viewers with the most up-to-date developments in the peace process, the panel discussion will be taped in early January 1990, close to the airing of the program. Panel participants will be named after the first of the year.

### **Role of Media In Combatting Prejudice**

Some of the most influential and recognizable names in the television, film and arts industry gathered at an American Jewish Committee forum to examine the roles and responsibilities of the media, primarily television and motion pic-

tures, in combatting prejudice and extremism on the airwaves.

Actors Richard Dreyfuss and Louis Gossett, Jr.; CBS-TV Executive Vice President Barbara Corday; Los Angeles Times Entertainment Editor Charles Champlin and writer/producer/director Lionel Chetwynd took part in a panel discussion at Fox Studios.

Mr. Chetwynd, moderator for the discussion, spoke of how the dissemination of information has changed throughout the years and how that change mirrors the overall change in our society.

"In the dreadful silence that covered Europe at the end of World War I, it was said that the most lasting effect would be the displacement of the village pump by the town war memorial. Where once families had gathered at the pump for their daily needs for water and to exchange stories, the new era of rapid electrification and universal running water would tend to weaken those community bonds.

"By the end of World War II, other institutions had fallen by the wayside. The supermarket replaced the corner grocery store, the gas station the local mechanic and so on, until by the 1950s, we were very much a nation of isolated families. Radio and newspapers were a common source, but the former was largely entertaining and the latter informative. Save for a few opinionated columnists there was no institution like the old village pump, where, for a small investment of time, an individual could be heard by all members of a community."

Turning his attention to the present day, Mr. Chetwynd noted that today's mass media is yesterday's village pump. "Perhaps television is impersonal and lacks the intimacy of a discussion preceded by a handshake, but its impact is none the weaker for that," he said. "Television, radio and to a lesser extent film have become the instruments of our national bonding. Their immediacy and their ability to transmit 'live' those bonding events that become the defining experiences invest great

power in these delivery systems. Whether it is the Super Bowl or the hostages, we experience them together—through the media."

Mr. Chetwynd added that while in most countries the national broadcasting entities are answerable to society at large through the government and are charged with the responsibility for not merely catering to the public tastes but to help mold and lead, that is not always the case in our country.

"In America, our lack of common ethnology and our multi-racial composition fortified by and at times obsessive defense of the current definition of the First Amendment, have allowed the mass media to deny responsibility."

Mr. Chetwynd stressed that in many instances the First Amendment is used as a cover-up to allow for irresponsible and subjective programming and reporting. "Mass media," he asserted, "must stop hiding behind the courts and acknowledge their obligation to the commonwealth, or conversely, remove all vestiges of opinion from their programming. One cannot, on the one hand, instruct television filmmakers that their characters should not smoke or drink alcohol while at the same time maintaining that they have no responsibility for political views of the same programs."

Mr. Chetwynd concluded that one of the primary responsibilities for mass media today is to provide, at the very least, a balance of accurate information that offers viewers the opportunity to come to their own conclusions. "In every nation, except ours, this means a nightly hour of news programming without commercials. Only in America is national news crammed into a twenty minute news broadcast, net time after commercials, at a time of day when large portions of the population are still on their way home from work. The main media of the new village pump should be as accessible as the one it replaced."

Following the forum, there was a preview screening of "So Proudly We Hail," a major two-hour prime

time movie dealing with neo-Nazism, written, directed and executive produced by Mr. Chetwynd. The film is scheduled to air on CBS-TV later this season.

Mr. Chetwynd described the theme of the film in the following way: "How can it be that American soil, enriched for years by the blood and sweat of decent, caring men and women can, in our time, prove so fertile a ground for something as loathsome as Nazism?"

"'So Proudly We Hail' attempts to address this problem not by asking what makes a Nazi, for we all know that there are evil people and surely Nazism is a manifestation of pure evil; the more troubling issue is how do decent people, how do loving people, how do intelligent people, embrace the horror of the neo-Nazi ideology?"

The AJC is currently developing a resource guide and suggestions for action to be used as a viewing companion for the film. Copies of the booklet will be distributed by AJC chapters across the country.

## Council for the National Interest

A new organization, *Council for the National Interest*, is anything but that, advises the American Jewish Committee.

Although its statement denies that it is anti-Israel, CNI is, in fact, an anti-Israel propaganda front, put together by people who have made careers of Israel bashing.

The organization is composed of former American diplomats, members of American Arab groups and former congressmen who have a record of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel statements.

Although the *Council for the National Interest* bills itself as an "objective" group that is "not, in any sense, anti-Israel," that is a falsehood, and if it appears in your community, let people know that it is the latest Israel bashing organization, formed by people with more than 160 years of experience in the field.



# Kibbitzing—Community News

## I. D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Program

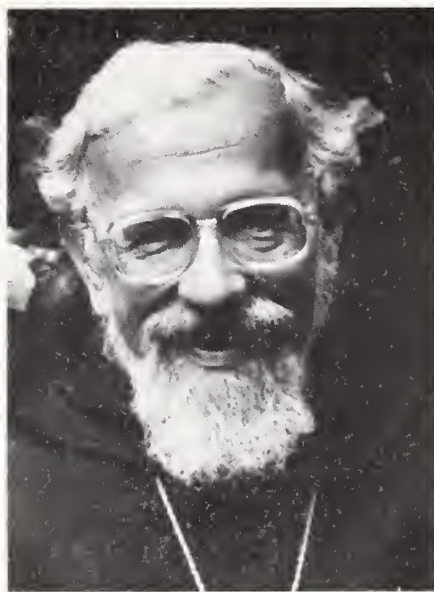
February 2-4  
Charlotte, N.C.  
by Wendy Cohen

The I. D. Blumenthal Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Program will feature Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi February 2-4 at Temple Israel in Charlotte. Schachter-Shalomi, teacher, prolific scholar and author, is the founder and spiritual leader of the P'nai Or Religious Fellowship and is perhaps the foremost pioneer of Jewish spirituality renewal movements. P'nai Or is a world-wide network of Jewish renewal communities enjoined to explore Jewish heritage, study a vast range of religious teachings, particularly of Chasidism and Kabbalah, and help members discover the "Rebbe within". Temple Israel is proud to present Reb Zalman in a weekend of learning and spiritual growth.

On Friday night, dinner will be served at 6:15 with services following. Reb Zalman will lead services using the *Sim Shalom* prayerbook, with a focus on teaching us to transform our responsive readings and recitals into meaningful prayer.

Saturday morning services will begin at 9:30 with children ages 7 and up welcome. The service will be similar in scope to Friday night's. Younger children are welcome at the noon-time Cholent and Kiddush to be followed by Reb Zalman's storytelling. At 4:30 there will be a session on individual spirituality followed by Shalushudes and Havdalah.

Sunday morning at 10:00 an informal learning session will be held on building spirituality into home observances. Children ages 11 and up are welcome and Reb Zalman requests tallit and tefillin be brought. Reb Zalman will present a workshop to CAJE teachers: "What Is Spiritual-



Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

ity In Relation To Jewish Education?" at 12:30 at Shalom Park.

Call Temple Israel for more information: (704) 376-2796. CAJE workshop and luncheon information is available through the CAJE office at (704) 366-1948.

Charges: Friday night dinner: \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 children; Saturday Shalushudes: \$3.50 adults, \$2.00 children; Both (Discount): \$10.00 adults, \$6.00 children.

## "M & M's—Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah" Premieres January 21 Charlotte, N.C.

by Lenora Stein

"M & M's—Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah" for Jewish kids and their parents will premiere on Sunday, January 21, 2-4 p.m. in the Luski Youth Activity Center at Shalom Park. Sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom, and open to grade school children *accompanied by an adult family member*, "M & M's" is an ongoing opportunity for Jewish families to work together in a practical, fun program of hands-on Judaism.

Meet the program mascot; take home buttons, certificates and surprises from every session; enjoy refreshments; and perform *mitzvot* while you create something Jewishly useful together with your *mishpochah* (family). Make memories. Do *mitzvot*. Strengthen your *mishpochah*!

The three "M & M's" programs are as follows:

**Mezuzah-Making**, Sunday, January 21, 2-4 p.m. **Matzah Balls'n More**, Sunday, March 25, 2-4 p.m. **Music-Making** with special guest "star" Marvin Bienstock leading a Jewish family sing-a-long, Sunday, May 6, 2-4 p.m.

All classes will be held in the Luski Youth Activity Center at Shalom Park.

Each class is \$5 per family, or \$12 per family for the whole series. Pre-registration is required as group size is limited. Make your check payable to CAJE and mail to CAJE, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

For further information, call Lenora Stein at CAJE, 366-1948; Roz Cooper at Temple Israel, 376-2796; or Cantor Morris Chotin at Temple Beth El V'Shalom, 366-1948 or 366-5007.

A copy of the curriculum for this community pilot project is available from the CAJE Resource Center, 1727 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28207 or call (704) 366-1948.



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# 1990 Winter Lecture Series

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies presents its 1990 Winter Lecture Series to be held on three Thursday evenings, January 11, February 1 and February 15, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. Refreshments and conversation with guest speakers will follow each lecture.

Rosalind Taranto, chairperson of the Adult Institute, announces the series of stimulating topics with renowned speakers, as follows:

**"A Christian View of the Holocaust";** Dr. Ross S. Rhoads, Senior Minister, Calvary Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Moderator: Ruth Goldberg, Charlotte Jewish Federation Education Committee; Thursday, January 11, 1990 at 8 p.m.

**"The American Jewish Family—An Endangered Species";** Dr. Thomas P. Liebschutz, Rabbi, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Moderator: Shelley Blum, Charlotte attorney; Thursday, February 1, 1990 at 8 p.m.

**"Black/Jewish Relations—Two Views";** Dr. Robert L. Albright, President, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.; Ira Gissen, N.C./Va. Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Norfolk, Va.; Moderator: Maurice A. Weinstein, Charlotte attorney and past chairman, International Council of B'nai B'rith; Thursday, February 15, 1990 at 8 p.m.

The lectures are open to the public. The ticket price for the series of three lectures is \$12.00; individual lectures are \$5.00 each. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the reception desk of the Jewish Community Center or at the door the evenings of the lectures.

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies is jointly sponsored by Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, Lubavitch of North Carolina, Charlotte Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center. For further information, call Fran Rosenberg at the JCC, (704) 366-5007.



*Dr. Ross S. Rhoads*

## **Dr. Ross S. Rhoads, Jan. 11**

Dr. Ross S. Rhoads is Senior Minister of Calvary Church, Charlotte, N.C., one of the largest churches in the Southeast. He graduated from the Pennsylvania Military Academy as the most outstanding cadet. He earned bachelor degrees from Philadelphia College of the Bible with honors, and from Wheaton College in Illinois with a major in philosophy. Master's degrees were received from Wheaton Graduate School, Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Cal. and National College of Education, Evanston, Ill. He holds a Doctor of Divinity from Greenville College, Illinois.

Dr. Rhoads has his own radio program each morning, live. He serves on the Council on Alcoholism, the North Carolina Chapter of the Conference of Christians and Jews, is a member of the Board of Directors of Samaritan's Purse and World Medical Mission, and is secretary for the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Dr. Rhoads is married to the former Carolyn Dugan who is an accomplished pianist. Mrs. Rhoads has been a school teacher and has assisted her husband in counseling youth. The Rhoads have three children and five grandchildren.



*Dr. Thomas P. Liebschutz*

## **Dr. Thomas P. Liebschutz, Feb. 1**

Dr. Thomas P. Liebschutz is Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, N.C. He holds a B.A. in history from the University of Rochester. At Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio, he earned bachelor and master's degrees in Hebrew Letters, as well as Rabbinic Ordination. He received a Doctor of Ministry from Boston University School of Theology.

Dr. Liebschutz is president of the Forsyth Ministers' Fellowship and vice president of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. He serves as area coordinator for college activities of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and is staff rabbi, Union of American Hebrew Congregations Mid-Atlantic Regional Summer Camp Harlam. A volunteer at Blumenthal Jewish Home and an instructor for the Shepherd's Center, Dr. Liebschutz is a board member of both organizations. In addition to many other civic, social and religious activities, Dr. Liebschutz teaches at Salem College and Wake Forest University.

He is the author of several books, including *Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein and the Jewish Displaced Persons*.

Dr. Liebschutz is married to the former Marilyn Slomovitz of Albany, N.Y. and they have four children.





*Dr. Robert L. Albright*



*Ira Gissen*

#### **Dr. Robert L. Albright, Feb. 15**

Dr. Robert L. Albright is the 11th president of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. He received his A.B. degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; a Master of Arts from Tufts University; a Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Prior to his present position, he served as vice chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He also had served as the special assistant to the assistant secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education in the U.S. Department of Education in the Carter and Reagan administrations. He is a senior faculty member at the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions (where he has lectured since 1970).

Among Dr. Albright's many civic, education and community interests are The United Negro College Fund, vice president of the United Way of Mecklenburg and Union Counties, the Mint Museum, Cities-In-Schools Project; the boards of Belmont Abbey College and UNCC; chairman, National Advisory Panel on Minority Concerns of The College Board, New York; member of Commission on National Challenges in Higher Education of American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Albright is married to the former Linda Pittman of Philadelphia, Pa. and they have two children.

#### **Ira Gissen, Feb. 15**

Ira Gissen is the director of the North Carolina and Virginia Region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Kansas and a master's degree from the Center for Human Relations Studies at New York University's School of Education. He also studied for his doctorate at N.Y.U., and attended graduate school at Northwestern University and Rutgers University.

A recognized, published authority on human rights programs, Mr. Gissen joined ADL's national staff in 1972 and served as director of its National Discriminations Department. He had previously held positions with the American Jewish Committee, and served in the federal government's civil rights program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he helped create new programs of equal opportunity.

Mr. Gissen has appeared as an expert witness before committees of the United States Congress, federal regulatory agencies and federal court. He has conducted seminars on equal opportunity for top corporate executives, and has lectured at many universities.

Ira Gissen and his wife, Linda, who reside in Virginia Beach, Va., have three children.

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## Simon Meyer's 90th Birthday

From Charleston, West Virginia, we have the announcement of Simon Meyer's 90th birthday celebration on December 3, 1989. He was 90 years old on November 11.

People who have attended Wild-acres B'nai B'rith Institutes over the years will remember Simon Meyer, who attended the Institutes almost every year starting with 1949. Sometimes his daughter accompanied him. His spirited participation was enjoyed through the years, and we wish him many more happy birthdays. He resides at 1540 Quarrier St., Charleston, W. Va., 25311, where greetings may be sent to him.

## Temple Emanu-El Myrtle Beach, S.C.

by Lorraine Wachter

Members of Temple Emanu-El have enjoyed a December rich with activity and purpose.

Our Sisterhood raised a substantial sum with a Corned Beef Lunch and Bake Sale to benefit the Temple's Building Fund. "Cabaret Emanu-El," a social sponsored by Sisterhood, provided an evening of live entertainment and fun at Coastal Carolina College. Sisterhood celebrated Jewish Book Month with a book review meeting. In January, the Temple's women will raise additional funds with a Super Bowl tray sale.

The Temple's Education Committee put on a Book Fair in time for gift-giving, benefitting not only the happy purchasers, but also generating profits from which to buy additional volumes for our growing library.

The Temple's Educational Program features some appealing extras that may interest our out-of-town visitors. "Bagels with the Rabbi" is a once-a-month adult program at noon the first Sunday of each month which meets over a \$2 brunch. There is a Yiddish class at noon on the remaining Sundays.

Eighteen couples in our Congre-

gation renewed their marriage vows in the "Ceremony of Chai" (Renewed Life) on December 17, followed by a champagne reception.

Chanukah was celebrated in Myrtle Beach with our traditional covered dish supper on December 24 and festivities that included presentations by children of the Religious School. There was also a "Festival of Lights" Chanukah Supper and Shabbat Service at the Radisson Resort, Kingston Plantation on December 29. This event was open to the public.

Construction will begin on our building's expansion and renovation in January 1990. Friends who wish to assist with donations may send them to the following address: Temple Emanu-El Building Fund, P.O. Box 1171, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29578.

## Camp Lejeune Jacksonville, N.C.

by Cee Cee Holmes

November 24, 1989 saw a change in the rabbinical leadership at Camp Lejeune. At the Sabbath Eve Service Major General Donald R. Gardner, USMC, Captain Steven Muller, MC, USN and CDR James L. Apple, CHC, USN installed LT Jon E. Cutler, CHC, USNR as the official rabbi at Camp Lejeune. Rabbi Cutler comes to Camp Lejeune from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Rabbi Apple's next duty station is Naval Training Station, Orlando, Fla. This is a new billet to which Rabbi Apple is being sent. He will be the first active duty rabbi ever sent to the Naval Training Station. His job will be to establish a Jewish program for recruits, sailors in the service schools, hospital personnel and dependents.

On the academic side, Matthew Popkin will graduate from Ryder College with an M.B.A. His sister, Karen, attends CUNY in the foreign language master's degree program, with a minor in French and Spanish.

On a sad note, on Rosh Hashanah Day, Sandy Apple's father, Philip

Weiner died. Shortly thereafter, Richard LaBour left to attend flight steward school for American Airlines.

Other good news is that Josh Schmекler and Aaron Kaback have been selected to attend the Marine Security Guard School in April. Finally, Rabbi Apple recently was elected to the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, beginning in June 1990.

## Jewish Community Services Raleigh, N.C.

Jewish Community Services of Raleigh, N.C. held its third annual Health Fair in early November. Over 260 community people participated, as more than a dozen physicians and many more health-care related personnel gave flu shots, drew blood for cholesterol and diabetes screening, checked eyes, ears, mouths, feet and blood pressure.

Along with Tay Sachs screening, there was genetic counseling and information available on exercise, nutrition, arthritis, allergies and breast cancer.

The JCS Seniors group organized and served a wonderfully healthful and nutritious lunch under the cheery umbrella set up over the tables where people ate and *schmoozed* while waiting or recuperating. This event also made JCS some much-needed money.

Great local coverage, particularly on one radio talk show, brought numbers of people from the community at large and gave JCS a highly visible upbeat image. Later TV news coverage supported that.

Dr. Richard Adelman, physician organizer, has already set up November 4, 1990 for #4 Fair. If you're near us then—stop in; services are almost all free (a nominal fee for flu shot and Tay Sachs is necessary). We all look forward to our growing successful all-community event. Rich and the Fair Chairperson, Joanne Heller, are willing to share their expertise with anyone wishing to run a similar event.



## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Congratulations to Alan and Reba Barton on the birth of a new granddaughter, Hannah. She is the daughter of Drew and Sarah Barton of Ann Arbor, Mich. Congratulations, also, to Marvin Slosman, of Birmingham, Ala., son of Sandy and Benson Slosman, on his engagement to Susan Lynn McNeil of DuBois, Pa.

Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, reports that a membership program was held in December.

In community Cooperation and Relations, Lillian Wellisch, Sisterhood Community Relations person, reports that there is one Sisterhood sponsored program—WLOS Action Line, a Consumer Referral Effort. However, the following Sisterhood members are individually involved in community programs: Helen Benninga, volunteer, St. Joseph's Hospital; Phyllis Blum, Board Member, Memorial Mission Hospital; Ellen Carr, Community Concert Association; Stephanie Cooper, Michael Wellisch Foundation—special task force, Chamber of Commerce—several committees, Altrusa Club (Support Life After Cancer—World Literacy), Lifeline — St. Joseph's Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital Guild — Special Projects Committee, and the N.C. Advisory Board — Small Business Administration; Ann Cross, Reading Services to the Visually Impaired; Arlene Doloboff, St. Joseph Hospital Guild Board, Volunteer — St. Joseph's Hospital; Lyn Dunn, Volunteer — WLOS-TV Action Line; Carol Feingold, Volunteer — Friends of the Animal Shelter, Health Adventure Gift Shop; Ruth Fox, Volunteer — St. Joseph's Hospital; Roz Freedman, Blood Donor — Red Cross; Lynne Gabai, The Epilepsy Association of North Carolina, Asheville Chapter; Beatrice Gullotta, Reading Services to the Visually Impaired; Barbara Lewin, Junior League; Celine Lurey, Junior League; Lee Schandler,

WLOS-TV Action Line; Mary Tabashneck, Volunteer — St. Joseph's Hospital; Laurie Teich, Board Member — Youth Services Action Group, Volunteer — United Way, Volunteer — ABCCM Shelter, Volunteer — Hospitality House Shelter; and Lillian Wellisch, Michael Wellisch Foundation, WLOS-TV Action Line.

We also recognize Morris Fox and Ben Shulimson, who volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital. I would like to add that Ruth and Morris Fox have substituted for volunteers who celebrate Christmas, so that they may be with their families.

As a final note, the Southeast's only professional Klezmer Band, VIVA KLEZMER, performed in concert at the Asheville Jewish Community Center on November 19. VIVA KLEZMER features principals of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra playing clarinet, violin, string bass and guitar.

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

Meeting on November 4, the Friendship Circle continued its survey of comparative religion with an enlightening session on Buddhism.

The speaker was Ileana Grams, professor of philosophy at UNCA. Pauline Moser and Shirley Berdie were responsible for the world-class refreshments.

At the Sisterhood's opening luncheon meeting on November 13, Phyllis Bluming, the Rabbi's wife and Religious School principal, spoke on "The Child Abuse Center—the Newest Organization in Town." Mrs. Bluming is a member of the Center's board.

A special Brotherhood service was held on November 17, read by club members, followed by an Oneg Shabbat in celebration of the Brotherhood's nationally recognized standing.

## The Religious School

The congregation was invited to the consecration of six new students on November 10, when they were welcomed to the world of formal Jewish education in a beautiful ceremony as part of our Friday evening service. The students are: Heidi Bluming, daughter of Rabbi and Phyllis Bluming; Leah Katel, daughter of Barry and Betsy Katel; Meredith Katz, daughter of Dr. David and Lorne Katz; Ashley Marder, daughter of Ms. Jean Reisenberg Marder; Lydia and Robin Nathan, daughters of Dr. Henry and Juli Nathan.

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Mazel Tov to the following: Estelle Marder recently became a great grandmother. The proud parents are Drew and Sarah Barton; Dr. and Mrs. David Katz announced the birth of their son, Adam Winfield Katz.

The congregation warmly welcomes new member, Mrs. Miriam C. Kell.

## Shved-Marder Wedding Gastonia, N.C.

Marisa Deborah Shved and Anthony Scott Marder, both of Chapel Hill, were married October 29 at the Hilton at University Place in Charlotte, N.C. Rabbi Israel Gerber officiated at the noon ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Shved of Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Gastonia, is a graduate of Ashbrook High School. She received her B.S. degree in nursing from UNC-Chapel Hill, where she was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon and Sigma Theta Tau. She is employed by Duke University Hospital in Durham as a registered nurse in Labor and Delivery.

The bridegroom, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerard Marder of Gastonia, is a graduate of Ashbrook High School. He received a B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi. He is employed as general manager of Slug's at the Pines Restaurant, Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sy Shved gave their daughter in marriage. Miss Gina Wells of Durham was honor attendant. Mary Sims of Chapel Hill was bridesmaid.

Ashley Sara Marder of Asheville was child attendant.

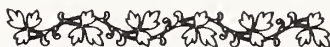
Dr. Gerard Marder was his son's best man. Ushers were Jeffrey Marder of Sunrise, Fla. and Lonny Shved of Gastonia.

The parents of the bride and groom hosted a luncheon reception at Slug's University Place. They also hosted a rehearsal dinner at Slug's 30th Edition, in Charlotte.

Following a trip to Sea Island, Ga. the couple is living in Chapel Hill.



*Mrs. Anthony S. Marder*



## Sokler-Farber Wedding Atlanta, Georgia

The marriage of Lynn Andrea Sokler and Henry Wayne Farber, both of Marietta, Ga., was solemnized by Rabbi Shalom Lewis on November 4 in the Whitman Room at the Wyndham Hotel in Atlanta.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sokler of Hollywood, Fla. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Farber of Weldon, N.C.

Mrs. Farber is a graduate of the University of Florida and is employed as account supervisor of the Atlanta public relations firm of Manning, Selvage and Lee. Her husband, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is features editor of the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

After a dinner and reception at the Wyndham, the couple left on their wedding trip to Paris, France and the French Riviera.

## Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women has selected Sally Schrader to be the recipient of its annual Human Relations Award. Sally meets the qualifications of being a resident of North Carolina and of doing volunteer work over and beyond her given career. Many documented letters were submitted commending Sally as the nominee. The Human Relations Award Luncheon will be held on February 7, 1990.

Chapter held a brunch at Beth Linderman's home at which time the following new members were welcomed: Ann Gold, Mickey Greenberg, Vivian Mallins, Bobbie Pollard, Marion Rochkind, Estelle Rosen, Faye Rubin, Ethel Rudman and Pat Tomkin.

At a membership meeting November 1, the topic of "Censorship" was addressed. Guest speaker was Gloria Miller, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg School media specialist of the County Censorship Committee. She pointed out that it takes a few self-appointed individuals to decide for us what text books our children should study; what books the library should carry; what values to teach in the classroom; what movies or media to watch or read. The members felt that values should be taught in the home from the cradle on, and that these values would enable children to handle freedom of choice.

Fifty people attended our Older Adult Luncheon, November 16. The program included a sing-a-long with Cantor Morris Chotin of Temple Beth El V'Shalom. Gerard Rohde entertained with English, Jewish and Hebrew music on his accordion. Thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the hot meal: Abbe Bryan, Linda Goldberg, Shirley Kaplan, Mae Kropp, Thelma Levy, Margie Liebshtein, Beth Linderman, Peggy Rovman, Florence Sperling, Iris Spil and Linda Weiss.

Service projects in the community in the past few months have



included: some meals and Thanksgiving Dinner for the children and staff of Arosa House; annual calendars for the Jewish community and advertisers; Jewish holiday calendars to all schools in the area so our children will be considered when activities and tests are planned; helping handicapped children participate in bowling; help for victims of Hurricane Hugo; Chanukah gifts for Boys' Home in Israel; Halloween gifts and activities for the children at Arosa House and Memorial and Presbyterian Hospitals; Chanukah cheer to Howell House for handicapped and mentally retarded children.

## Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah wishes to thank all those who have contributed to our service projects with your generous donations. In the last three months, we have been overwhelmed by your response to our requests for canned food, gifts from food vendors, household goods, and materials for our Rachel House "face lift." Most recently, your gifts of new and used toys were contributed to the Christmas Bureau. The caring of our Jewish Community really does make a difference!

In addition to our food and material drives, Halailah members have been volunteering their time this past month. Members prepared Chanukah meals for our foster family, for older adults and for Rachel House. Members also participated in Charlotte Chapter's Holiday gift wrap booth at Eastland Mall, assisted with the Jewish Book Fair on December 10-12, and participated in a clothing sort for Crisis Assistance Ministries. There are always many opportunities for Jewish women to get involved and make a difference. Anyone interested in joining Halailah should call Jackie Stutts at 364-8360 or Meredith Glazer at 365-3242.

Halailah will sponsor a program in January for Hunter House. Laurie Klemons will lead a workshop on Infant Massage for the residents.

A wine tasting party will be the

paid up membership event on January 20 at 8 p.m. at the Colony Club House. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Halailah appreciates the many "women with a purpose" who donate time and energy. This special event is one way to say thank you.

## North Carolina Hillel Fall 1989 Semester

by Lauren Stone

North Carolina Hillel had a wonderful fall semester. We were very pleased with our programs and attendance. We have been successful in adding Israel Awareness Programs to our calendar. We had speakers who lectured on different aspects of Israel: David Peleg, Minister of Information, Israeli Embassy, Washington, D.C. and Walter Zanger, author, Israeli tour guide.

A Duke Israel Public Affairs Committee group has been started on the Duke campus, and an Israel Awareness Group on the UNC campus. Both groups have been busy getting ready for the AIPAC Southeastern Regional Conference which will take place February 11 on the Duke campus. Students from North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Virginia and Alabama are included in the Conference.

Hillel held a fall Shabbaton. Students from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, UNC-Greensboro, East Carolina University, North Carolina State and University of South Carolina attended the weekend. Highlights of the weekend included Friday night services and dinner with a Soviet Jewish family who recently arrived in Chapel Hill. They were very generous in answering all kinds of questions the students had about life in Russia. Saturday night we had Havdalah services and a pizza party. On Sunday we had a lox and bagel brunch, followed by a discussion on communication between Jewish men and women. The group was led by Pat Barry, an associate professor in the School of Public Health at UNC. The entire weekend was a huge success.

Lauren Stone and Rabbi Fischer concentrated on making at least one visit to the extension campuses this semester. We were able to visit N.C. State twice. Rabbi Fischer went for Orientation for new students and another time for a bagel brunch. Both events got a good attendance. Rabbi Fischer spoke at UNC-G on "Current Issues in the Jewish Community." We attended East Carolina University's "Jewish Identity Study Break" where Rabbi Michael Chin, the new rabbi in Greenville, helped lead the discussion.



North Carolina Hillel Board Meeting, Fall 1989



## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Two new projects have been launched at Lubavitch of North Carolina in response to a world wide call by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, which is certain to add to the spice of life.

Project One is to gather people together on the Shabbat for the purpose of the study of Torah. The topics of study are the very first verses of the weekly Torah portion, studied with Rashi's commentary and Chassidic interpretation.

This gathering is held at the Chabad House just after the Shabbat morning service. It begins with the reciting of Kiddush and some light refreshments. Every few weeks a full Shabbat meal is held with the traditional Shabbat foods as gefilte fish and cholent. During the Kiddush gathering the participants study Torah.

Project Two is that every school director, or head of any institution, organization and business should distribute coins for charity to all of the staff, students and employees of the school. The charity could go to any worthy cause. This act encourages the participants to add their own money to charity.

The Rebbe suggested that this practice should be observed every week, and Friday is a most auspicious day to observe this wonderful Mitzvah. This is in addition to the daily requirement of giving Tzedakah. This project of the employer directly encouraging his or her em-

ployees to give charity and providing them with coins to observe this Mitzvah creates a good feeling and mutual trust between the employer and employee.

"It is an inspiring sight to see all the children assemble once a week to receive coins from Rabbi Groner and put them in a charity box (Pushke)," said one of the teachers. "To know that they are doing something equal with the teachers for a good cause is really exhilarating."

Rabbis Yossi Groner and Binyomin Weiss attended an International Lubavitch Shluchim (Emissaries) convention in Brooklyn, New York on the final Shabbat in November. The convention which lasted three days attracted over 600 Lubavitch Rabbis from all over the world.

The purpose of the convention was to set the tone for spreading even more Yiddishkeit on a universal level. The participants were addressed by the Lubavitcher Rebbe on three occasions, and heard the Rebbe's call for Jewish unity and unconditional love towards every Jew.

To the many Rabbis who attended, the convention was an invigorating experience which gave them the strength to carry on with the many challenges facing them at home. It was also learned at the convention that a group of twenty Lubavitch Rabbis will be moving to Russia for a period of one year, as emissaries of the Rebbe, to teach Judaism to the many young Jews who are thirsting for Jewish knowledge.

Rabbis Doron Aizenman and

Yosef Naparstek from Chabad of Myrtle Beach, and Rabbi Pinchas Herman from Lubavitch of Raleigh also attended the convention. Rabbi Hesh Epstein of Lubavitch in Columbia conducted one of the many workshops at the convention.

On Shabbat Kislev 4, which was the first Shabbat in December, a major Kiddush was held at the Chabad House in Charlotte in honor of the new month which contains many Jewish and Chassidic holidays.



*Rabbi Binyomin Weiss lights Menorah for Tzivos Hashem Youth Group at Chanukah skating party.*



*Lubavitch Preschool children at Fire Station.*



*Little Indians at Lubavitch Preschool.*



## Lubavitch Preschool and Day School

The Lubavitch Preschool and Day School excel in quality Jewish and secular education, as well as special enrichment programs which help the young students learn about the world they live in.

Many of these enrichment programs are presented by our very qualified teachers through special projects revolving around Jewish or secular projects.

During the month of December which corresponds to the Hebrew month of Kislev the children learned about Chanukah, not only the story of Chanukah as told and dramatized by the teachers, but also through many hands-on projects. The high point of their experience was a Chanukah play presentation for the parents and friends of the school. The play was written and directed by Chanie Weiss who labored endless hours to perfect the performance of the children.

Fern Sanderson, morning teacher at the school, taught the children

about the American Indians, with special units on Indian dress and dance. The children assumed roles of different tribes and practiced "pow-wows" and dressed in Indian garb.

The children also worked during the month of November learning about fire safety and life in a Fire Station. The children practiced fire safety with Mrs. Sanderson and also visited a Fire Station. At the Fire Station they observed the living quarters of the firefighters and watched an emergency demonstration by the firefighters. The firefighters introduced the children to a huge new fire truck. The children learned about the very important job these people do for the safety of our citizens.

Eliza Schoenes, preschool Judaica teacher, in addition to the Hebrew Alef Bet, teaches the weekly Torah portion to the children on their level. For instance, the first week they made a book on the six days of creation, the second week they made Noah's Ark. Every Friday they do a Shabbat project, like baking Challah, making Challah covers

and singing Shabbat songs.

Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher, is creating a personal Alef Bet train for the children. Each letter has its own car with words corresponding to the letter of the car.

The Kindergarten Students have been experiencing hands-on demonstrations with Chanie Weiss. Chanie introduced the Mitzvah of Mezuzah, the mark of a Jewish home. The children traveled to Mezuzaland to learn about the many important details that make up a Kosher Mezuzah. The children made their own stained glass Mezuzah cases and studied the parchment scroll that is placed in it.

The Lubavitch Talmud Torah students, under the direction of Maria-shi Groner, have been learning about Chanukah and its many beautiful laws and customs. They crafted their own Menorahs and learned the complete story of Chanukah. They also practiced for the spectacular Chanukah outdoor Menorah lighting at the Arboretum shopping center, where they entertained a large crowd with happy Chanukah songs.

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## Retired Lawyer Starts New Career as a Composer

With the opening performance of *The Hot Sonato* by the Montclair State College Opera Workshop in Upper Montclair, N.J. on December 1, 1989, Gerard "Gerry" Rohde, a retired Charlotte lawyer, launched his public debut as a composer and writer of comic opera shortly before his 69th birthday. The same College Workshop will be performing *The Hot Sonato* in Charlotte, N.C. February 16, 17 and 18 at Pease Auditorium under the auspices of the Student Activities Department of Central Piedmont Community College, where Mr. Rohde has been a music and theater student since his retirement in 1985.

Mr. Rohde's Montclair connection arose out of a 1988 concert appearance for the Community School of The Arts in Charlotte by Louise Wolhafka, a distinguished opera and concert singer. During her Charlotte appearance, Mr. Rohde gave her a copy of his manuscript, which she liked, so she submitted it to her colleague, Professor Edward Pierson, who has sung leading roles with The Chicago Lyric Opera and the New York City Opera. Professor Pierson is the Director of the Opera Workshop at Montclair State College. He liked the show and began directing Workshop rehearsals of it in September, 1989.

Gerry's inspiration for composing *The Hot Sonato* arose out of his experience singing opera with the Amato Opera Company in "Little Italy" in New York City during the



1950s, when he started composing *The Hot Sonato*. He put it aside to marry and support a wife and four sons by practicing law. It was not until he retired in 1985 that he was able to find the time to focus his energy on his first interest, the playing and writing of music. *The Hot Sonato* was completed in 1987 after a gestation period of about 30 years.

*The Hot Sonato* is a musical comedy about a fictional opera company, The Sonato Opera Company, directed by Antonio Sonato, with assistance by his wife, Angelina. They have a beautiful, gifted 17 year old daughter, Patricia, who is about to make her operatic debut as a leading lady with the Company. *The Hot Sonato* has 16 separate roles and includes original comedy songs. Musical styles run the gamut from boogie woogie to rock'n roll to waltzes to fox-trots to Latin rhythms to marches to arias. The show will feature spirited singing and dancing by a talented multiracial cast of white, black and Hispanic performers.

Gerry Rohde graduated from Harvard College cum laude in 1942, served in the US Army during World War II and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1947. He is a member of the New York Bar and has held positions as an Assistant District Attorney in Binghamton, N.Y., a Referee (administrative law judge) in the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in Binghamton, a Senior Attorney with the New York State Commission against Discrimination in New York City and a Senior Attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Charlotte, N.C.

Since retirement in Charlotte in 1985, Gerry Rohde has been performing as a singer and accordionist. He is a volunteer pianist and musical director. He has volunteered his talents to entertain senior citizens and others at The Blumenthal Jewish Home, the Selwyn Life Center, Mercy Hospital, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Centers, the Jewish Community Center, and other community organizations.

At Central Piedmont Community College, he performed the role of Pappy Yokum in the recent CPCC Theater staging of *Li'l Abner*, played fiddle and guitar at the Folk Music Jam Sessions led by members of the Charlotte Folk Music Society, played baritone horn with the CPCC Concert Band and sang with the CPCC Chorus. He also played in the first violin section of the Queens Community Symphony Orchestra at Queens College.

Advance sale tickets at \$10 each may be ordered by writing to Gerard Rohde, 7141 Rollingridge Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28211 or calling him at (704) 365-3616. Profits remaining after payment of expenses will be equally divided between the three collaborating nonprofit agencies—the CPCC Student Activities Department, the Montclair State College Opera Workshop, and Music Opportunities Corporation, a new nonprofit corporation designed to foster the production of new musical theater.

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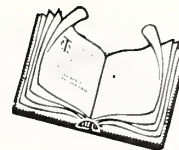
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# Book Reviews



## View and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### Anita Brookner: The Headlong Rush to Assimilation

Traveling in Mexico and Central America frequently in recent years, I am continually intrigued by the etymologically Jewish names one encounters, the Sephardic faces one sees, and the mannerisms one associates with Jews. They sometimes leap out at you. Though few seem to be aware of it, there is a great deal of once-Jewish blood flowing in Latin Catholic veins. These Latins are so far removed from their now quite diluted Semitic roots that it would be absurd to call it to their attention. Most of them would presumably have no frame of reference for Jewish ancestry.

Curiously, I am reminded of the same dilution of Semitic roots in the characters of Anita Brookner's British novels. In almost every one of her books they come from that segment of English society composed of inordinately assimilated "Jews" who, having escaped what they regard as the inferno of their Jewish pasts, have moved on into the purgatory of absolute anonymity in the present, on their way, one assumes, to the paradise of total Anglican respectability in the future.

*Latecomers* (Pantheon Books, \$16.95) is the story of two such "Jews" living out their lives in their wonderfully adaptive anonymous English purgatory. Both of them were among those German children sent to England and to safety in the late 1930s just before their parents were rounded up and transported to the death camps. They have become very successful English businessmen, partners in a firm selling photocopiers. Though they believe strongly in home and hearth, are generous and for the most part de-

cent, they are uncomfortable about their Jewish origins and seek to mask them as a means of escaping their links to the Holocaust.

One partner, Hartmann, is an elegant hedonist, cultured and cosmopolitan, avid in his pursuit of the good life, capable of turning his back entirely on his past. He remembers his parents and his early years in Germany but he has blocked out everything associated with the Holocaust. No homeward looking angel, Hartmann is in a headlong rush toward the anonymity of assimilation. His partner, Fibich, also rushes into assimilation, but for conscience-stricken reasons he is compelled to look back into the Jewish inferno of his youth. His dreams are nightmares in which his vulnerability during his German-Jewish childhood torments him; it has become an adult anxiety beyond his control.

Fibich's anxiety becomes the book's central concern, though Brookner never lets it become burdensome, assuaging, coddling and nursing it, instead, in her exquisite Jane Austen-like prose. The lives of Hartmann and Fibich, their touching and endearing friendship, their mutual dependencies, their marriages, their stories of their wives and children are presented to us with such pleasant compulsion that we identify with the characters and accept them as if they were our own flesh and blood, choosing not to condemn them for pursuing an escapism that was lethal to the assimilated Jews of Germany and Austria after the rise of Hitler. Perhaps it is Brookner's cool detachment in her flawless prose that makes us so accepting of her British non-Jewish chameleon "Jews."

As Fibich moves toward a crisis in his reluctant but overwhelming need to confront his past and his true identity and exorcise the heavy burden of guilt he feels for having

"abandoned" his parents in their hour of need, a burden of guilt Hartmann shrugs off as meaningless, the narrative almost, but not quite, gives the impression that finally Brookner will herself confront Jewish *angst* and assume the kind of moral imperative that permeates the work of, say, Aharon Appelfeld, in his novels which are famous for exposing the fallacy of escapism, in the characters of his pan-Germanic Jewish assimilationists. I say "almost, but not quite," because for all her talent Brookner has in her novels refused to confront moral issues. Nowhere in *Latecomers* is there a hint that she even mildly disapproves, to say nothing of abhorring, the repugnant escapism of her assimilated "Jewish" British materialists.

In *Badenheim 1939*, *The Age of Wonders* and *The Retreat* Appelfeld's assimilationists are determined to bury their Jewish inheritances in a total embrace of Aryan ideology. They are all deluded fools on the way to their deaths. Their delusion becomes the context for Appelfeld's richly laden tragic irony, and with compassion and sadness he teaches us the folly of escapism. In *Latecomers* there is no irony, and escapism is treated as though it were a legitimate option for Holocaust "survivors." I put the term "survivors" in quotation marks here because when Fibich describes himself to Hartmann as a "survivor," Hartmann corrects him, pointing out that they are "latecomers" instead. If Appelfeld had one of his characters make this spurious distinction it would have conveyed to us the full meaning of the German Jewish assimilationist tragedy. For Brookner it is just another acceptable euphemism in Hartmann's vocabulary of denial.

Fibich compels himself to return to Germany where he spends a few frantic days in Berlin running away

from the past even faster than when he is at home in England. Unwilling to see himself as a Holocaust survivor returning to pay his respects to his dead parents because it would force him to acknowledge his ties to his Jewish past, he comports himself as a tourist and so learns nothing from his experience.

Of course, we all know that you can't really go home again, but there is a difference between wanting to go home again and making a mockery of the need to return. Maybe Brookner intends for us to draw our own conclusions about these pathetic human beings for whom the purgatory of anonymity is the be-all and the end-all of their spiritually empty sojourn on earth. But given the moral vacuum in which Brookner weaves her tale, I'm not convinced that she has a purpose, and so this marvellously well written, engaging novel troubles me as it must trouble anyone concerned with Jewish survival.

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#### **CORRECTION:**

In the book review for *Hear O Israel: The History of American Jewish Preaching* by Robert V. Friedenberg which appeared on page 20 of the September 1989 issue of the *Times Outlook*, we incorrectly wrote the date for the founding of Hebrew Union College. The following information from the College is a clarification:

Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise founded Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1875. In 1950, the College merged with the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, which was started in 1922 by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

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## **Cella or The Survivors**

by Franz Werfel  
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Franz Werfel, a celebrated figure in German and American literary circles, is known for his bestselling novels *The Songs of Bernadette* and *The Forty Days Musa Dagh*. *Cella or The Survivors* is Werfel's poignant novel of life in Austria during the Nazi takeover, to be published in English for the first time by Henry Holt on October 17, 1989. *Cella* is an unusual Holocaust novel in that it was actually written during that fateful period, while the author was hiding in France, fleeing the Nazis.

The novel tells the story of Dr. Bodenheim, a Jewish lawyer and Austrian patriot married to a Christian woman. Cella is their daughter, a piano prodigy. Unfortunately, neither Bodenheim's fierce Austrian identity nor Cella's talent can protect the family from the frightening onslaught of the Nazi presence.

Framed with a foreword and afterword by award-winning journalist and historian Otto Friedrich, *Cella* is an evocative portrait of the persecution of Jews that underscores the pain and confusion of the Jewish community in Austria in the late 1930s.

## **Kol Haneshamah (The Voice of the Soul)**

Published by Reconstructionist Press, P.O. Box 020875,  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202-0019  
245 pp. paperback \$13.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This new prayer book, *Kol Haneshamah*, has been published to respond to the requirements of a generation which has lived through World War II, the Holocaust, the establishment of the State of Israel and the changes in North American Jewry.

The new translation from the Hebrew is by Prof. Joel Rosenberg of

Tufts University, a noted poet. The editorial committee was composed of equal numbers of men and women. References to God are not male. The names of the Jewish Matriarchs are listed along with those of the Patriarchs.

The Siddur is printed on non-glare paper with legible print, in English and Hebrew, with transliterations. Commentary is added at the bottoms of many pages. This book is for *Erev Shabbat*, Friday evening. It contains alternative *Amidahs*, songs and readings.

All traditional prayers are included, and there are additional interpretive prayers. *Kol Haneshamah* should be well accepted by those who welcome modernization without loss of original text.

## **To Touch a Dream**

by Aviva Hellman  
Donald I. Fine, Inc. 550 pp. \$19.95

*To Touch a Dream* is a multigenerational saga set in a land unlike any other, a land of beauty and tragedy, a land that has been loved and fought over for centuries—Israel.

Beginning at the brink of World War I, *To Touch a Dream* encompasses four generations of the Danziger family and nearly a century of tumultuous history. Through the stories of Marek and Marucia Danziger's children—the brilliant Raphael, the beautiful and headstrong Tamar and gentle Deborah, and their children and grandchildren—the history of modern Palestine comes alive: two world wars, the brutal persecution by the Turks of the Armenians, the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the British Mandate, the birth of the State of Israel, and the wars that tiny nation has had to fight to gain and maintain its independence.

Focusing on the years of uneasy peace between the wars, the years in which families like the Danzigers built their country based on their dream of an independent Jewish state, bestselling novelist Aviva Hell-



man brings to this story what no other writer can, for she has lived through much of its history.

Ms. Hellman's storytelling sweeps us up in the Danzigers' dream, a dream that begins as a naive longing and matures into a commitment to be constantly renewed. It is a story of a determined people and their land, a story full of the confrontations and the gritty joys that make up the political and moral fabric of Israel today. It also gives insight into the relationship of Jews and Palestinian Arabs throughout the years.

Aviva Hellman was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved with her parents to Palestine at the age of two. She attended an English boarding school there and returned to finish her education in the United States and England. She is the author of four previous novels and currently makes her home in New York and Israel.

## **Have You Forgotten? A Memoir of Poland: 1939-1945**

**by Christine Zamoyska-Panek with Fred Benton Homberg**  
**Doubleday 250 pp. \$19.95**

*Have You Forgotten? A Memoir of Poland: 1939-1945* by Christine Zamoyska-Panek is one woman's powerful story of heroism and survival in the Polish Resistance movement during World War II. Its publication in September coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of Hitler's invasion of Poland.

Free-spirited and rebellious, Christine Zamoyska, a sixteen-year-old countess, enjoys a carefree life filled with luxuries, liveried servants, thoroughbred horses and wild boar hunts at Adampol, her family's vast estate of feudal magnificence. Then in 1942 the Gestapo commandeers the ancestral home and sends the family fleeing to Krakow, leaving behind their priceless possessions. For Christine, life as she knows it has ended.

The harrowing years that follow

challenge Christine in ways that she could never have imagined. She witnesses dragnets to round up Jews and the selflessness of her relatives, who hide Jews in their country homes and in Krakow. For this the Gestapo seizes her father, uncle and aunt, who are tortured in a concentration camp. Christine works as a nurse, and because she speaks fluent French and English, is recruited by the Resistance. At great personal risk, she aids downed Allied pilots to safety.

The Zamoyskas wait for the day when the Allies will prevail, yet the Yalta agreement "buried our hopes forever," writes Christine. "We defeated [the Germans], but lost the war. . . What the Germans did not destroy, the Russians will."

From beginning to end, when Christine staggers into the American zone, her story gives breathtaking witness to the acts of extreme cruelty and unbelievable bravery that were daily occurrences in a Poland gripped in the vise of war. It is a testimony to the strength and integrity of the Polish people who defied first the Germans and then the Russians with the hope for freedom, a hope that, fifty years later, still endures.

## **Mothers**

**by Gloria Goldreich**  
**Little Brown and Co. 439 pp. \$18.95**

David and Nina Roth, Jewish, share an idyllic, affluent suburban existence, while Stacey and Hal Cosgrove, Gentile, devoted to each other, are struggling financially. A crucial difference distinguishes the two couples: the Cosgroves have three children; the Roths are unable to conceive. The surrogacy agreement through which Stacey Cosgrove will bear a child for the Roths will provide a baby for David and Nina and the means for a new life for the Cosgrove family.

The Roths entered into the surro-

gacy agreement after they had visited Yad Vashem while on a trip to Israel. David and Nina felt they had to have a child of their own who would affirm the continuity of Jewish life to a family that was not destroyed in the Holocaust.

But an unexpected and devastating tragedy strikes the Cosgroves only weeks before the birth of the blue-eyed baby girl, and they and the Roths must suddenly confront the agonizing reality of their seemingly perfect agreement. As *Mothers* surges toward its shocking, heart-wrenching conclusion, Gloria Goldreich reveals the deepest truths of family life and what it means to be a wife, a husband, a father—and most of all, a mother. It is much more than a novel about surrogacy; it is the story of family life in our troubled times. Gloria Goldreich casts a new and dramatic perspective on the meaning of marriage and the commitment of parents to each other and to their children. With characters so real, engaged in a dilemma so credible and so poignant, *Mothers* is a moving and unforgettable novel.

The subject of surrogate motherhood has become an important and highly controversial issue recently largely due to the media attention surrounding the fate of the infamous "Baby M" case. But the press coverage of crowded courthouse steps and reporters' sketches of tearful testimonies could not possibly reveal the agonizing emotions experienced by both parents as they battled over the future of the child they all adored.

Gloria Goldreich is the author of *Four Days*, *Leah's Children*, *This Burning Harvest*, *This Promised Land*, *West to Eden*, and the best-selling *Leah's Journey*, which won the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction. Her stories have appeared in numerous magazines, including *Commentary*, *McCall's Redbook*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and *Ms.* She lives in Westchester County, New York with her husband and three children.

## **Jackie, Oy! Jackie Mason from Birth to Rebirth**

by Jackie Mason with Ken Gross  
Little, Brown & Co. 290 pp. \$16.95  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

It's a funny book, and you cannot help but laugh at some of Jackie Mason's nonsense.

Jackie Mason went from rabbi to entertainer. After having been a second rate comedian, he became a favorite on Broadway, praised even by British royalty. Thus was he reborn.

The book alternates from first person accounts by Jackie Mason to third person biography by Ken Gross. Jackie is irreverent, sometimes displays questionable taste, but he displayed his Jewishness at a time when that was unusual, and as I said in the beginning, you cannot read without laughing at his jokes.

## **Black-Woman-Jew: Three Wars for Human Liberation**

by A. Roy Eckardt  
Indiana University Press 229 pp.  
\$35  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A. Roy Eckardt is known in interfaith circles as a scholar concerned with justice, and he has spoken out and exposed anti-Semitism with the Christian tradition.

In his book, *Black-Woman-Jew*, he deals with the point of view of these three persons. He calls out loudly for liberation for all of the oppressed people. He requires that liberation of each group be tied to the history and experience of each.

The book is analytic in tracing the roots of discrimination and oppression to religion, to capitalism, to racism. Serious criticism is leveled against Christianity and its failure to exercise reforms. The cries for justice are as stringent as those of the ancient prophets. In the background, a voice is heard admonishing us: "Justice, justice shalt thou pursue."

Eckardt raises the question: How am I to respond to a world that

wishes to define me as a non-person or that regards me and my people as illegitimate or inferior? Special attention is given to relations between black religion and black power, the war for black liberation in South Africa, to the double liberation black women need for sexism and racism, to the need of Jewish women for liberation from sexism and anti-Semitism, to Zionism as one of the oldest forms of human liberation and to Jewish liberation as a resource in the quest for morality.

All thought, Eckardt says, is political, even theology, in the need to become involved in power relations and conflicts.

For Jews who believe that non-Jews are unconcerned with our problems, this is a book to convince you that there are those who care. In quoting various Christian theologians, A. Roy Eckardt tells us that a battle is being waged to combat traditional persecution, inequality and injustice.

The author is professor emeritus of religious studies at Lehigh University and has written many books, including *Jews and Christians* and *For Righteousness Sake*. He teaches important facts, and he raises troubling questions.

## **The Hadassah Magazine Jewish Parenting Book**

Edited by Roselyn Bell  
Free Press 376 pp. \$19.95

Speaking to the manifold varieties of Judaism and the complexity of the Jewish experience, Hadassah Magazine inaugurated a monthly "Parenting" column in 1984, featuring articles on a wide range of subjects affecting Jewish parents, grandparents and children. Some articles have been personal, focusing on the ways in which different families survived a particular crisis, while others have been general discussions of permanent features of Jewish life. Timely topics such as child abuse and teenage suicide

have alternated with timeless ones like Jewish traditions of *tzedakah* (charity) or *yahrzeit* (remembrance).

The Parenting column has become one of the magazine's most popular features, and now the best of that selection is collected in *The Hadassah Magazine Jewish Parenting Book* for a general audience. Roselyn Bell has chosen articles that celebrate the joys and sorrows of family life and address a wide array of thorny emotional issues from intermarriage to divorce and remarriage or the death of a parent. Also considered are how to select day care, alternative schooling and Jewish education outside the home, and how parents can talk to kids about God, sex, death and anti-Semitism.

The authors whose articles and essays are included in *The Hadassah Magazine Jewish Parenting Book* come from many backgrounds. They are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis, Jewish educators, professional writers, psychologists, medical doctors and experts on gerontology, thanatology and cults. Some speak with the authority of those who have written books on the subject, while others offer the homey, practical advice of the experienced mother-next-door.

Alternately moving, thoughtful, humorous, provocative and comforting, these essays prove there are as many ways to maintain and preserve Jewish family traditions as there are Jewish families. Offering what Dr. Spock and other childcare books cannot, *The Hadassah Magazine Jewish Parenting Book* serves as a guide to family life at times when members gather to celebrate the rites of the individual life-cycle, to observe the Sabbath and other holidays, and to talk Torah, folk wisdom and Jewish politics.

Roselyn Bell edits Hadassah Magazine's Parenting column and is also a contributor to the book. She is the mother of one child and is expecting another. Ms. Bell is a resident of Edison, N.J.



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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1990

### CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR — Dedication to the Dream

It was 19 months after the Home opened its doors to the first residents, 3 years since Governor Terry Sanford broke ground on May 3, 1964, 7 years since the mansion and estate were purchased for the North Carolina Home for the Aged, and 13 years after the first seed was planted. It was a day eagerly awaited by those who made it possible and those whose lives it touched. It was a day that numbers made concrete and dreams made possible.

On May 21, 1967, over 800 people gathered on the lawn in front of the mansion that had been the Lasater Estate to witness the Home's formal dedication. During the two-hour ceremony, as reported in the Winston-Salem Journal of May 22, 1967, the Home officially became the North Carolina Jewish Home for the Aged, dedicated to "the care and welfare of our senior citizens, the convalescing, and the chronically ill."



*Members of the Board of Governors and friends gather in front of the mansion for the dedication ceremony, May 21, 1967.*

Phil Robin of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Admissions Committee, in giving the dedication, voiced the thoughts of the many visitors from across the state when he said, "To many of you, this is your first visit here at the Home. And to many of you, the reality of what you have found exceeds by far the image of your expectations."

The expectations of the dreamers had been inspiring and had made possible the images that the 800 were to see that day.

The keynote speaker was Philip M. Klutznick, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations and honorary international President of B'nai Brith. The Journal of May 22, 1967,

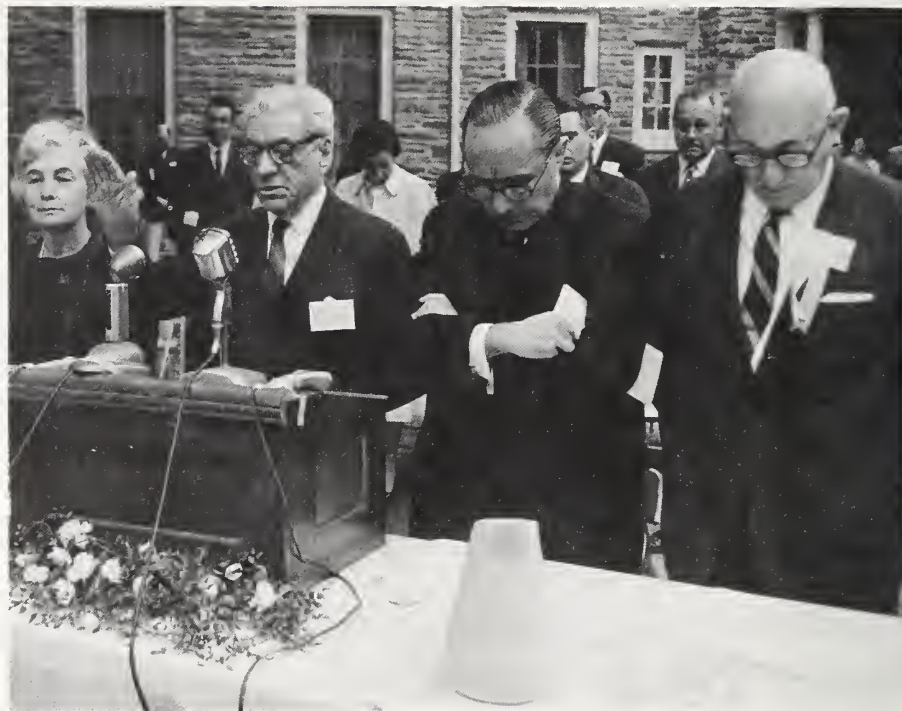
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reports that Mr. Klutznick spoke of the growing percentages of old people throughout the world and praised the concept of the Home as a place to live and to keep busy. "It is a great pleasure to come home, as it were, among friends and ideas on such an extraordinary occasion when a relatively small Jewish community does such a big thing," said Philip Klutznick according to the Blumenthal Jewish Home 20th Anniversary Report.

And on a glorious day in May, 1967, the small Jewish community of North Carolina turned out in large numbers to see the "big thing" that they had done.



*Rabbi Israel J. Sarasohn, Chaplain at the North Carolina Jewish Home, gives the benediction at the dedication ceremony. Mrs. Sam Freedman is on his right. To his left are Phillip Klutznick, the keynote speaker, and Morris Brenner.*

## WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Mildred Kalet  
Winston-Salem, NC

Faye Kalson  
Greensboro, NC

Sadie (Syd) Kastel  
Pittsboro, NC

Minna Kurtz  
Winston-Salem, NC

Irene Mendelson  
Ocala, FL

Lucy Miller  
Winston-Salem, NC

Alice Silverman  
New York, NY

## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Sarah Glaze

May her cherished  
memory bring comfort  
to her loved ones.

## ALICE FRUH – A FRIEND TO THE HOME

Alice Fruh died October 20, 1989, and the Home not only lost a resident of many years but a long-time friend, supporter, and volunteer. Alice's volunteer work began before she came to live at BJH. As a resident of Greensboro, she often volunteered at the Home assisting with programs and projects. After she came to live at the Home in 1976, Alice became a spokesperson

and resident volunteer. Whether she was greeting visitors, giving tours to nursing students, or spending hours in the craft shop sewing and knitting items for United Way agencies, Alice gained satisfaction in being able to give of herself to others. Alice Fruh touched those who came in contact with her and left a legacy of giving to those who knew her. We shall miss her.

A contribution from Forsyth Technical Community College  
has been given to the Home.

IN MEMORY OF  
ALICE FRUH  
OUR BELOVED GUIDE  
BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME  
DECEASED – OCTOBER 20, 1989

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE  
STUDENT NURSES  
WHO GREATLY ENRICHED HER LIFE  
JERRE BOREN, ADN. INSTRUCTOR



# FAIR OAKS

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

FAIR OAKS residents have gone to work — volunteer work, that is. We don't have to look too far when some of the volunteer jobs at Blumenthal Jewish Home can be filled by our own willing residents. Twelve residents of FAIR OAKS have recently become part of the Resident Volunteer Program at BJH. Favorite projects are group activities such as labeling, sorting, and stamping bulk mailings for the Home as well as for United Way agencies. Making a contribution to society can be one of life's greatest pleasures, and many residents enjoy keeping active and balancing work with play.

When you enter the Commons building, you may be greeted by a resident volunteer at the reception desk who's ready to give directions, answer your questions, and tell you a little about life at FAIR OAKS. If you like to read, you'll come in contact with the library volunteers who check books in and out for other residents. Delivering mail, assisting with transportation, and welcoming new residents are assignments some volunteers choose. Others help with a special project.

Going to work can be fun at FAIR OAKS. After all, the hours are flexible; the pay is good, there's lots of satisfaction; and the working conditions are just like home. FAIR OAKS feels like home, at work or at play.



*At work or at play, FAIR OAKS residents enjoy socializing. Having a nice lunch at Starmount Country Club in Greensboro are, seen here from the left: Sara Lee Saperstein, volunteer, Anna Schleicher, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, and Pearl Yachnin.*



*Left to right, FAIR OAKS residents, Eva Weinberg and Anna Shapiro, enjoy chatting with Greensboro volunteer, Joyce Schuman, at the monthly birthday party.*



*Adding movement to song, students from B'nai Shalom Day School, Greensboro, proved to be delightful entertainment at the December birthday party.*

Special events in November and December brought volunteers of all ages and new faces joining our regular corp to share time with our residents.

On the young side were the 3- and 4-year-old pre-schoolers from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. Along with their teachers, Fran Thull and Amy Ehrens, these delightful youngsters shared an early Shabbat celebration with the residents, singing the kiddush, motzi, and candle blessings. Shaking hands, saying hello, and meeting so many "grandma's and grandpa's" was the focus of this first meeting for the new class. There were plenty of hugs to go around, and everyone is looking forward to the pre-school's monthly visits.

On the bright side were the many volunteers from Greensboro who arrived for the monthly birthday parties bearing flowers,

gifts, and birthday wishes. Residents enjoyed meeting the new volunteers who joined us in November (Laurie Strom, Geri Wassell, Regina Pinsker, and Joyce Schuman) and in December (Fran Bombart, Mary Berkelhammer, Andrea Kabat, Naomi Kaplan, and Bunny Moff). The 4th- and 5th-grade students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro were the special attraction in December. After entertaining residents with joyful Hebrew songs, the students helped serve refreshments and chatted with residents.

Joining our spirited shopping volunteers from Winston-Salem were Jane Emerson & Joanne Raschke. Loving to shop is only part of the game. Residents benefit not only from volunteers' assistance but also from receiving their warmth, open hearts, and listening ears.



*FAIR OAKS resident, Virginia Brown, and a pre-school visitor, became fast friends.*

The listening ears of our residents were treated to the beautiful sounds of music on November 12th. Lynn Pritchard, vocalist and a volunteer from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, and Ruskin Cooper, pianist, presented a concert of Yiddish songs and classical music. Lynn, a teacher with the Community Music Program of the North Carolina School of the Arts, and Ruskin, a faculty member of the school, gave a stirring performance.

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*Sue's News (Continued)*

Bringing their shining light into the Home in December were the volunteers who came to light the Chanuka menorahs each evening. With blessings and songs, these volunteers visited four dining rooms creating a holiday mood. From Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, we thank Rabbi Ammos Chorny. From Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, we thank Rabbi Tom Liebschutz, Andrew Ettin, Karen Dresser and the religious schools students, and Millie Slatkoff and her daughter, Beth, for helping our residents celebrate.

*Our volunteers bring joy to the heart, a touch to the hand, light to the eyes, and music to the ears. Our volunteers touch all our senses. Get in touch with us and join them.*

*Seen clockwise from upper left are volunteers that are "in touch" with us: Lynn Pritchard; Rabbi Ammos Chorny, and FAIR OAKS resident, Rose Halpern; Jane Emerson and FAIR OAKS resident Hannah Ackerman; a visitor from Temple Emanuel Pre-School with FAIR OAKS resident, Miriam Gingold; volunteer, Joanne Raschke, FAIR OAKS resident, Sarah Sherry, volunteer, Marian Sloan, and BJH resident, Jane Rosenberg.*



# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **CHERYL THE CLOWN** – brought smiles to everyone's face when she entertained at the monthly birthday party Nov. 7 and again on Dec. 3 visiting residents on each unit.
- **STARMOUNT COUNTRY CLUB** – was the spot where 16 BJH and FAIR OAKS residents were treated to lunch by our gracious Greensboro volunteers on Nov. 14. Nourishment for body and soul were plentiful that day.
- **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH** – was the destination for those residents who stayed closer to home on Nov. 14. They had the pleasure of attending the Clemmons Senior Citizens Club lunch and hearing our own Sigmund Meyer present the program on Thanksgiving.
- **TEA PARTY WITH THE ANCHOR CLUB** – was the favorite activity on Nov. 30. Volunteers from the West Forsyth High School Girls' Anchor Club socialized with residents where getting to know each other was enjoyed as much as the tea and cookies.



Cheryl Clown



Left to right are some of the BJH residents celebrating birthdays in December: Sara Mackler, Floy Vieira, Mary Cohen, Fannie Benson, and Dora Wolf.

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

### JANUARY

- 11 Junior League Music Makers, Commons Aud., 9:45 a.m.
- 12 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Brenner Concert, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.
- 18 Monthly Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 22 Putting Memories on Tape by Adrienne Rosenberg, Friendship Room, 10 a.m.
- 23 Leave for "Out to Lunch," Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 28 Brenner Concert, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Leave for Services, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, NC, 6:45 p.m.
- 4 Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 6 Monthly Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 9 Leave for shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 14 Valentine's Party by Marvin James and the Stardusters, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.
- 18 Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 20 Leave for "Out to Lunch," Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.



**BJH  
CONGRATULATES  
LORENA DURHAM  
1989 EMPLOYEE OF  
THE YEAR**



*Lorena Durham*

**LPN, A-WING**

Lorena Durham, recipient of the Employee of the Month Award in April, 1989, has been chosen as the BJH Employee of the Year.

Lorena has worked in the Department of Nursing since October, 1969, giving 20 years of dedicated and committed service to the Home. With warmth, enthusiasm, and caring, Lorena has been a role model for other staff members. She has been a devoted employee and has worked on A-wing, B-1, B-2, and FAIR OAKS.

BJH is proud to honor Lorena as Employee of the Year, and we are grateful to have her on our staff.

*Left to right: FAIR OAKS resident, Ella Gunzberger, celebrated her birthday in December and is joined at the party by her sister and roommate, Rose Schulherr, and Greensboro volunteer, Bunny Moff.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JANUARY**

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Eleanor Altshuller | Sigmund Meyer    |
| Helen Bloch        | Julius Neumarkt  |
| Fanny Church       | Fannie Shandolow |
| Ethel Dickson      | Alice Silverman  |
| Solomon Greenberg  | Lelia Tedford    |
| Anna Hersh         | Pearl Yachnin    |
| Anna Levine        |                  |

**FEBRUARY**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pauline Berdy     | Lillian Kamens     |
| Florence Bobbitt  | Ruth LaPan         |
| Virginia Brown    | Frances Linville   |
| Paula Cahn        | Bertha Marrus      |
| Ida Feinberg      | Lilly Marx         |
| Miriam Gingold    | Henrietta Meltsner |
| Bessie Glassen    | Alise Panders      |
| Edmond Hardy      | Helen Smith        |
| Marguerite Hughes | Clara Steiner      |
| Eileen Jacobs     | Anna Stemper       |

**BJH GIFT SHOP**

Call us for this new cookbook

***Fiddler's Favorites***

*Traditions & Recipes for Sunrise to Sunset*  
by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, Winston-Salem

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## BJH is Happy to Announce Selections for Employee of the Month



**KEITH ELLIOTT**  
MAINTENANCE  
DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER, 1989

Keith Elliot began working in the Maintenance Department in June, 1988. Since then, Keith's smiling face and many talents have been a real benefit to the Home.

Keith grew up in Bryson City and studied auto mechanics at Forsyth Technical School in Winston-Salem. He worked as an auto mechanic for 5 years before coming to the Home. Known as the "official mechanic" for the Home, Keith is responsible for maintaining the BJH vehicles and is developing the Home's car repair shop. Mike Kelly, Director of Maintenance, says, "Keith is dependable, conscientious, and a hard working employee." Keith says he feels great about receiving this honor. He was surprised, but he likes surprises. He enjoys working at BJH and especially enjoys having Mike as his supervisor.

BJH also enjoys Keith's good work and positive attitude, and we're glad he keeps us on the road! Congratulations, Keith. You are an employee BJH is proud to honor.



**MAGGIE JAMES**  
ACCOUNTING  
OCTOBER, 1989

Maggie James has been making a difference in the Accounting Department since March, 1988. Her cheerful manner and smiling face are always there to greet both staff and residents when they need information or are receiving funds.

Maggie grew up in Winston-Salem and worked in the accounting field (with time out for homemaking) and as the manager of a book store before coming to BJH. She enjoys working at the Home and says, "It is the nicest place I've ever worked. I work with a wonderful group of people and that is very important. The people and the atmosphere make this job special. It is an honor to be chosen employee of the month." According to her supervisors, Lydia Sparrow and Janet Sowers, Maggie does a great job and her attention to detail, her cheerfulness, and her sense of humor help keep the accounting office going.

Congratulations, Maggie. Your positive attitude and work record make you well deserving of this award. BJH is proud to have you on our staff.



**TAMMY JONES**  
NSG. ASST., B-2  
NOVEMBER, 1989

"I haven't even been here a year. This is really great," said Tammy Jones, surprised about receiving the Employee of the Month Award. Tammy began working at BJH as a nursing assistant in January of 1989, and her dedication and enthusiasm are apparent when you speak to her. She says she enjoys working with older people and is especially looking forward to becoming a nurse. Tammy attended school in Mt. Airy and studied visual arts at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. She is now taking courses at Forsyth Technical Community College in preparation for the nursing program. A person of many talents, Tammy enjoys writing and drawing and has had both her poems and illustrations published in several books of poetry including Moments of Memory and The New Poetry Anthology.

Lorraine Hetrick, B-2 Supervisor, says, "Tammy has been a great asset to B-2. She gives excellent care to the residents and is always willing to help when needed. I am so proud of

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Anne Craver

**ANNE CRAVER**  
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN  
DECEMBER, 1989

Anne Craver's career history at BJH is one of which to be proud. It is one of dedication, enthusiasm, and love of learning. Anne began working as a nursing assistant in April of 1983 and worked in this position for over four years with a short period in the Housekeeping Department. Anne then spent one year as a recreation therapist in the Department of Resident Activities where she was able to continue her involvement with the residents while developing new skills. In April, 1989, Anne began working in the pharmacy which she really enjoys. Her pharmacy position has "offered her the opportunity to learn and expand," says Anne.

Anne enjoys working with Teresa Jackson who, she says, is an excellent supervisor and teacher. According to Teresa, Anne has done a super job in moving from the Department of Resident Activities to the Department of Pharmacy. "You couldn't ask for a better person to work with. Anne is probably one of the most pleasant and

good natured people I know. She is a real asset to the department," said Teresa. Anne said, "I like working at the Home, and I've learned a lot. I feel real close to the people here. They are like part of your family."

BJH congratulates Anne Craver. We are happy to have her as part of our family.

**BJH  
NEWS**

Editor - Sue Clein

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February:

**JANUARY**

**13 Years**

Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

**12 Years**

Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*

**11 Years**

Sue Pierce,  
*Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

**7 Years**

Jack Hardy,  
*Stock Controller, Dietary*

**3 Years**

Cherie Howard,  
*Nsg. Asst., B-1*

**2 Years**

Doris Stroud, *Accounting*  
Karen Wyatt, *Adm. Secretary*

**1 Year**

Wanda Byrd, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Betty Edwards,  
*Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Tammy Jones, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Jo King, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Debbie Szczyk, *RN, B-1*  
Larry Williams, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

**FEBRUARY**

**12 Years**

Ruth Howell,  
*Dietary Supervisor*

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*(Employee Tammy Jones continued)*

what she has accomplished with the recent publication of her poetry and illustrations and wish her continued success."

BJH congratulates Tammy Jones on her many talents - writer, artist, nursing assistant, and future nurse. We are proud to have her on our staff and wish her much success.

# What's Developing?

## “The Eighties . . . The Nineties . . .”

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

Ten years ago, the Home was about to celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary. Now, as the Eighties come to a close, we are in our Twenty-fifth year of service. The mid-80s focussed on the new FAIR OAKS Personal Care Units. Our first residents moved in in February, 1988.

As of December 1, 1989, we had raised \$5,218,000 toward our EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR goal. Now we have only to raise \$2,782,000 to put us over the top. The help of all of our current friends and generous support from many new friends will be necessary to meet our goal.

In the Nineties, we plan a major emphasis on PLANNED GIVING. We will hold seminars on Estate Planning and Planned Giving. We want to help our donor-friends explore ways of giving that support the Home and benefit the donor. Let me suggest some ways.

### PLANNED GIVING FOR INCOME:

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There are tax advantages accompanying many gifts of life insurance to the Home. You can give a policy you now own, designate the dividends as a gift, or name the Home as beneficiary of part or all the proceeds. A new policy may be purchased to make a larger gift than otherwise possible.

These are some of the ways PLANNED GIVING gifts may be made to the Home. You will hear much from our office about planned giving in the next few months. If you have any questions about planned giving or wish to discuss some of these possibilities, give me a call — (919) 766-3035.

The Nineties are going to be exciting times for the Home. As part of your plans and our plans for the Home, let me invite you to consider a PLANNED GIFT in 1990!



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# \$420 Million Campaign To Absorb Soviet Jews in Israel

The United Jewish Appeal, at the request of United Israel Appeal and the Jewish Agency for Israel, announced an historic campaign to raise \$420 million for the absorption in Israel of Soviet Jews.

The name of the campaign will be "Operation Exodus."

The campaign will be part of a worldwide Jewish effort, including \$180 million from Jews in other countries and major financial participation from the Israeli Government.

The total figure, \$600 million over three years, is double the annual amount that was contemplated, \$500 million over five years, before the dramatic increase in number of Soviet Jews going to Israel.

The American portion of the funds will be raised in one year and collected over three years, and will be raised over and above the regular UJA/Federation campaigns.

Operation Exodus is based on information provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is responsible for the initial absorption of new immigrants to Israel. The \$420 million is based on projections that at least 165,000 Jews will arrive in Israel within the next two years.

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, reported that the projected, unprecedented wave of Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel is being met in Israel with enthusiasm. "What we have strived for in our advocacy campaign, is now ours," Mr. Dinitz stated. "A thousand Soviet Jews are arriving each week."

In 1989, 13,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel, the highest annual figure since 1979. Of December's total number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union, 41 percent emigrated to Israel. Israeli Government sources anticipate that as many as 500,000 of the USSR's estimated 1.8 million Jews will seek to emigrate during the next five years.

Both Mr. Dinitz and Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, reported on the extraordinary efforts taken by the Government of Israel to meet this challenge.

In announcing the campaign, UJA National Chairman Morton A. Kornreich said, "For years we worked to enable the Soviet Jews to gain their freedom. Now, we must address the second part of our task: to help them become successfully integrated into life in Israel. The challenge is momentous, and I am confident that all American Jews will rise to it."

Marvin Lender, UJA national chairman-elect and chairman of Operation Exodus added, "This extraordinary campaign will reach every American Jew. We are continuing to work closely with the Council of Jewish Federations, as well as with federations across the country and our partners, United Israel Appeal and the Jewish Agency, to ensure our success."

Officials of the Jewish Agency, the UJA and the United Israel Appeal, which is responsible for the administration and supervision of the use of UJA/Federation-raised funds

by the Jewish Agency, provided details of the plans required for both facilitating and funding the absorption process.

The plans were presented to the February meeting of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors in Jerusalem.

Following are steps the Agency has already taken:

- The Jewish Agency has initiated programs with various American communities to create links with Israeli municipalities in providing direct absorption for Soviet Jews.
- The Agency has renovated existing absorption facilities and plans to open additional centers.
- The Agency is integrally involved with the Government through a special interministerial committee formed last year. It has made the issue of absorption an interdepartmental focus of operations of the Agency as well.

The Agency will consider for the first time the development of a two-year budget, and will seek ways to increase income through the sale of assets, while cutting expenditures through consolidation of program.

David Levy, Israel's Minister of Housing, reported to the UIA Board on the continuing cooperation between the Government and the Jewish Agency in the areas of housing and employment.

The Israeli Government has appropriated funds for the start of construction this year of 20,000 new housing units and will renovate 5,000 existing apartments. The Government will also make an additional 15,000 apartments available for rental. Mr. Levy announced that the Government has adopted measures to expedite housing construction and to ease rental arrangements.

Israel's Finance Ministry will invest \$500 million for the creation of new jobs, with an additional \$75 million earmarked for job retraining.

Mr. Lender said that Operation Exodus will begin immediately with private solicitations of major contributors to the regular UJA/Federation Campaign. Public activities are being organized to begin in April by Passover.

Special missions will be arranged and the needs of Soviet Jewish absorption will be highlighted in all programming, including Women's Division Events, the Young Leadership Conference in Washington, March 11-13, and in all UJA public relations materials and Rabbinic Cabinet communications.

Recent Soviet olim will be available as speakers in communities. Phonathons, walkathons, a Soviet Jewry Shabbat and interfaith programs are also being developed. There will be special programming around major holidays, such as Passover, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah.

Mr. Kaplan hailed the announcement of the special campaign as "a monumental demonstration of Jewish unity. These events," he said, "are second in historical significance only to the creation of the State."



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These happy students at the Dimona Music Conservatory have talented immigrants from the Soviet Union as teachers. Over 2,000 Soviet Jewish musicians (500 are teaching music) live in Israel, most of whom received initial assistance from the Jewish Agency (funded by the UJA/Federation Campaigns in the U.S.) UJA Press Service photo by Lisa Pleskow.

## Back Cover:

PURIM AT FAIR OAKS at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. (L. to R.) Residents: Sigmund Meyer, Syd Kastel, Faye Moss; Children from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem: "King Ahasuerus"—Ryan Sigal, "Mordechai"—Isaac Beerman, "Queen Esther"—Rachel Beerman, "Queen Esther"—Leah Sigal.

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## To the Editor:

### Jewish Bone Marrow Drive Grows



Allison Atlas

What started as an effort to find a bone marrow donor for Allison Atlas has grown over the last three months into a national drive that is building a life-saving resource for Jews throughout the world.

The crisis search continues to seek a match for Allison, but the addition of [14,000] Jewish names to the National Bone Marrow Registry has so far produced preliminary matches for nine other persons who need a bone marrow transplant.

Allison, 20, a student at New York University, suffers from leukemia. She has only one chance for life: a compatible donor who can give her a bone marrow transplant. Twelve weeks ago in her parents' living room in Bethesda, Maryland, the search began with relatives and friends. None matched Allison's blood tissue type.

In the ensuing weeks, Allison's family has been joined by Jewish organizations including synagogues, UJA Federations, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish community centers and Jewish newspapers in an amazing drive that so far has tested over 14,000 Jews in Washington, Baltimore, New York, Boston, Norfolk and Harrisburg. Since the National Registry contained far too few Jewish names, Allison's campaign has provided life-giving promise to other Jews throughout the world, including those in Israel.

The spark plug behind this entire effort has been Allison Atlas herself, a beautiful young woman who has shown courage and leadership which has inspired people to come forth to be tested.

The desperate search goes on for Allison, and time is short. Doctors say the best chance to save Allison probably will come from locating an unknown distant relative of

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eastern European origin. Even more specifically, persons whose roots are in the Lithuanian villages of Disna and Braslave near Vilna, especially with names such as Gotkin, Serklin, Simkin, Henkin and Atlas. The search also focuses on people from Dolhinov (Dolginovo) and Rechista, both near Gomel, and from Glubokoye, all in ByeloRussia, formerly Lithuania, especially with family names such as Kotz, Katz, Rubin and Mirman. It is possible that descendants of anyone from these villages could be a distant relative whose blood tissue type might match that of Allison.

Blood tissue types are determined by taking a simple blood test. If a match is found, a transplant is done by a simple, safe procedure, in which a donor gives a small amount of bone marrow, which the body replaces in 7 to 10 days.

If you or your ancestors are from any of these Lithuanian villages, or other nearby areas, then please contact the family by calling toll free 1-800-456-9285, or writing to the Atlas family at 2 Rock Falls Court, Rockville, Md. 20854.

Tax-deductible contributions made out to Jewish Social Service Agency, sent to the Rockville address, are also needed to pay for testing.

Allison's need is urgent. Please call or write if you think there is any chance you might be a relative or if you have information you think might be useful in locating one.

Nick Kotz

(Nick Kotz is a Pulitzer-Prize winning author in Washington, D.C.)

## **Purim: The Legend of Esther** by Dvora Waysman

(WZPS) - Purim, which falls on the Hebrew date of 14th Adar, is the time of merriment, masquerade and miracles, celebrating as it does the deliverance of the Jewish people from their oppressor, Haman.

### **The Megillah**

The heroine of the story is Esther, a modest, virtuous girl who became queen during the reign of Ahasuerus, King of Persia. There are a lot of mysteries surrounding the whole episode, the main one being that no one knows when it occurred. The *Book of Esther* mentions no dates and although scholars place it in the Second Temple period, it is first referred to only after the year 100 B.C.E.

The *Book of Esther* is read every Purim and it is incumbent on every Jew, male and female, young and old, to listen to the *Megillah*. However, the story narrated in the *Book of Esther* (in which, incidentally, God's name is never mentioned) only tells part of the story. Esther's real name was Hadassah, but when she replaced the disobedient Vashti as queen, she was given the Persian name for Venus, which was Esther.

Her origins are revealed in the *Aggadah*, which tells us that she was a descendant of King Saul. Her father, an exile at Susa, died before she was born and her mother, Abihail, at her birth. She became the ward of her cousin Mordechai, who is often misrepresented as her uncle.

### **Beauty and Courage**

Esther was described as one of the four most beautiful women in the world, of ideal height, lovelier than Median or Persian women although her complexion is also described as sallow. We are told that the king would compare the women who entered his bedchamber with a statue of Vashti which stood near his bed. Later, he replaced it with a statue of Esther.

Beautiful and chaste as she was, she nevertheless was required to undergo a twelve-month purification

program, six months of which she had to spend anointing herself with oil of myrrh. Myrrh (called "mor" in Hebrew) is a gum resin which, together with frankincense, was an ancient treasure almost as precious as gold. It was put in anointing oils and the Israelites scented their garments, beds and bodies with it. It was a rare ingredient because the trees and bushes which produced it grew only in the mountains of Southern Arabia, Somalia, eastern Sudan and parts of Ethiopia.

Esther was the inspiration of many dramatists, artists and musicians throughout the ages who were drawn to the legend of her beauty, her virtue and her courage. However, she is truly immortalized in her own Scroll of Esther where her greatest honor lies in having saved the Jewish people of Persia from extermination.



## **Purim in Israel - A Nation in Masquerade**

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) - According to Judaic tradition Purim is a "minor" festival. Yet if the conspicuousness of celebration is a measure of significance, then visitors to Israel are left with the impression that Purim is one of the most important holidays, as the nation dons its Purim costumes and exuberantly flaunts them in the streets.

To be sure, all Jewish festivals take on a more visible dimension in Israel. On Yom Kippur there is an eerie silence in the streets as few people and not a single moving car can be seen. During Sukkot small

wooden cubicles sprout up at the sides of apartment buildings and on balconies, while on Independence Day there is literally dancing in the streets.

### **Purim Costumes**

Purim, perhaps even more than Independence Day, is a time for letting one's hair down. In the weeks preceding the festival, parents begin to prepare or purchase Purim costumes, a sacred task that no conscientious parent can avoid. So proud are the children of their garb, that in the week prior to Purim many youngsters can already be spotted in the streets sporting their costumes. By far the most popular outfits are the traditional Queen Esthers and Mordechais, but other children prefer more contemporary characters, and the streets abound with miniature cowboys and Indians and budding Supermen and Wonder Women.

Adults are more patient in awaiting the day itself before putting on their costumes. The country's diverse cultural mosaic provides much food for thought and often Ashkenazim will dress up as Orientals, secular Jews as Hasidim and Jews as Arabs.

Politicians inevitably get in on the act. One year, for example, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek could be seen riding around the city on a camel wearing top hat and tails. Jerusalem, like most cities, arranges special Purim events with street theater, puppet shows and other activities to encourage the festive spirit. Several times in recent years unseasonably cold weather has brought snow-storms to Jerusalem at Purim, making it seem as if the city itself had put on festive fancy dress.

### **Abstinence and Excess**

Jerusalem, like Safad, Tiberias and other walled cities celebrates Purim a day after the rest of the country. Thus Purim in Jerusalem is called "Shushan Purim" after the walled city of Shushan in Persia which did not receive the good news of Haman's plan to exterminate the Jews until a day after the rest of the



country. Thus while Israelis from other parts of the country are whooping it up over Purim, observant Jerusalemites are still observing the Fast of Esther.

But abstinence is superseded by excess. Tradition has it that at Purim it is a *mitzvah* to drink so much wine that it is not possible to tell the difference between the "blessed Mordechai" and the "cursed Haman." This is not an entreaty that appeals to Israel's anti-alcoholism organizations, but Israelis are no great imbibers of alcohol and though some take an extra tippie for Purim, many nations of the world would be happy if they could reduce alcoholic consumption to the level of Israelis at Purim.

More popular than wine are *hamantaschen*, triangular shaped pastries which represent Haman's ears. These are usually included in the *mishloach manot*, parcels of sweets, cakes and other homemade goodies that are given as gifts at Purim.

### A Time of Fun

Purim is still officially a working day, though in recent years more and more individuals and organizations have been taking it as a holiday. Many go to the synagogue to hear the *Book of Esther* read and children are given *carte blanche* to drown out the name of Haman whenever it is mentioned. Purim is also a time for fancy dress parties.

Practical jokes are popular at Purim, rather like April Fool's Day. The newspapers print spoof editions, and more subtly deceiving are bogus items slipped deftly into the radio news bulletins. Many Israelis were upset to hear on Kol Yisrael Radio at Purim several years ago that the Eurovision song contest winning tune "Hallelujah" was to replace the "Hatikvah" as the national anthem. Even more were upset by reports that the dollar would replace the shekel as the country's currency!

But essentially Purim is a time of fun. An opportunity for Israelis to forget about everyday pressures and indulge in tricks and treats and the odd glass of wine.

## Purim

by Estelle Hoffman

Purim is a holiday we should not overlook. Because it celebrates one of the fortunate episodes in our long and sometimes mournful history, it is a joy to tell its story and eat its traditional foods. Its story is told in *The Megillah*, the *Book of Esther*. The most representative food associated with Purim is Hamantaschen, because it is reminiscent of Haman's pockets, or with a little poetic leeway, Haman's hat. Purim in 1990 will be March 11. We suggest this dairy menu for your *Purim Seudah*.

### Fruit Cocktail

Saloon (Salmon and Vegetables in sweet-sour sauce)

Steamed rice

Hamantaschen

### Saloon (Salmon and vegetables in sweet-sour sauce)

This is an Iraqi-Jewish dish in which other types of fish may be substituted for salmon.

#### Sauce

1/2 cup plain canned tomato sauce  
3 Tbsp. white or packed light brown sugar  
3 Tbsp. white vinegar or apple cider vinegar  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 garlic clove, finely minced  
1 tsp. curry powder

#### Fish and Vegetables

1 lb. skinless salmon fillets (or 1 1/4 lbs. salmon steaks)  
White flour for coating  
Vegetable oil for frying  
2 medium-sized onions, halved and thickly sliced  
1 medium-sized sweet green pepper, cut into strips  
1 medium-sized carrot, very thinly sliced on diagonal  
1 celery stalk, thinly sliced  
1 large or 2 small cooked potatoes, cut into thin slices  
1 large ripe tomato, thinly sliced  
1 small eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/2" slices

Combine all sauce ingredients and mix well. Pour about 2 Tbsp. of the sauce into bottom of very large, deep skillet or electric frying pan. Set remainder of sauce aside.

Lightly coat the fish with flour. In another large skillet over medium-high heat, heat a few tablespoons of oil until hot. Fry the fish until lightly browned on both sides. Lay the fish on the sauce in the first skillet. (If salmon steaks are used, remove bones.)

Add a bit more oil to the skillet used for the

fish, and heat it until hot. Add onions, pepper, carrot and celery and cook, stirring until vegetables are tender but not browned. Spread the vegetables on top of the fish. Spoon about 2 Tbsp. of sauce over vegetables, then cover them with the potato slices.

Lightly coat the eggplant slices with flour; then fry them in small amount of oil just until lightly browned. Lay eggplant slices over the other vegetables. Put the tomato slices neatly on top. Pour remaining sauce evenly over tomatoes.

Cover pan tightly and bring to simmer over medium heat. Turn heat to low and gently simmer for 30 minutes, or until most of the sauce has been absorbed.

**Note:** If preferred, the sauce, fish and vegetables may be placed in a 10" square or equivalent casserole and baked, uncovered, in a preheated 400° oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until most of the sauce has been absorbed.

Recipe from *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Gloria Kaufer Greene (Times Books).

### Hamantaschen

1 cup milk  
1/4 lb. butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 pkg. dehydrated yeast  
1/4 cup lukewarm water  
2 eggs, beaten  
4 cups flour

Scald milk. Add butter, sugar and salt. Cool. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Add to cooled milk mixture. Add beaten eggs, then flour. Let rise for 1 hour, covered. Work dough a little. Add more flour, if necessary for handling. Shape into small flat circles, fill, close to form 3-cornered pockets. Let rise in pans until double in size. Bake at 350° until nicely browned. These may be frozen and warmed before serving.

### Poppyseed Filling

1 lb. ground poppy seeds  
2 cups milk  
1 cup honey  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 cup sugar

Place seeds in fine strainer and run water through. Place in double boiler with milk and cook over hot water till milk is absorbed. Add honey, pecans, cinnamon and sugar. Cook a few minutes, stirring until sugar is dissolved and honey is blended. This may be stored in refrigerator, covered. Makes 1 quart.

### Cheese Filling

1/2 lb. cream cheese  
1 egg yolk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/8 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour before using. Bring corners of dough high when using cheese filling.

## The Lavitts of North Carolina

by Estelle Hoffman

For four generations the Lavitt family has lived in North Carolina. Having fled Russia's pogroms of the early 20th century, they settled first in Norfolk, Va., and soon afterwards Pinchas and Leah Lavitt moved to Asheville, N.C., because the mountain climate was recommended for Leah's health. Their children, who came with them from Russia, were Harry, Sam, Louis, Molly and Sarah.

Pinchas, who at first joined a brother in the wholesale grocery business in Norfolk, entered the textile business in Asheville. He bought and sold products from mills, such as fabric piece goods, and he sold them throughout the countryside, venturing as far as New York.

In the second decade of this century, the population of North Carolina was about 2,200,000, mostly rural and agricultural. Farming and logging employed most of the state's residents, and industry was developing. Textile manufacture was soon to become an attraction to enterprising businessmen, and communications had improved due to the proliferation of country roads and railroads.

In 1930 Pinchas was struck by a train in the Asheville railroad station, and he died of pneumonia while being treated in the hospital.

Harry Lavitt served during World War I as a sergeant. He fought with General Pershing at the Mexican border in the Pancho Villa incidents. After the war, he was reinstated for a time, but withdrew because of his father's objections. In 1928 Harry married Beatrice Kaminsky of New York City.

They settled in Marion, N.C., where he operated an army-navy store and later additional retail stores which sold general merchandise. Their children are Gloria, Paul and Leonard. Gloria was the first Jewish child born in Marion. Paul, the second Jewish person born in Marion, was named for his grandfather, Pinchas, whom he never knew.



*Harry Lavitt and family in Hickory 1942. Beatrice Lavitt, Paul on left, Leonard in middle and Gloria on right.*

Harry Lavitt became American Legion Commander in Marion, a remarkable achievement for a Jew who was a relative newcomer. Only one other Jewish family lived in Marion at that time, and the Lavitt family was affiliated with the synagogue in Asheville.

In 1933 they moved to Rutherfordton, then to Gaffney and on to Asheville, where they remained for three years. Leonard was born there in 1938. Harry was an active member of the synagogue and became president. He worked closely with the Schandler family.

In Asheville the Lavitt family had Rabbi David Wochtsvogel living with them, and he tutored the children, who also attended the Hebrew school of their synagogue. The family always observed Kashrut and followed Jewish tradition devotedly.

In 1936 the family moved to Hickory, where Harry joined Louis in the yarn business. In 1942 Louis went into the U.S. Army, and Harry went to work in Hickory. Late that year, Harry began to travel frequently to New York to sell L. L. yarns. At the end of that school year, Beatrice and their children left Hickory and joined Harry in New York. He began hosiery sales in New York in 1945 and continued till his death in 1950.

Paul, the older of their two sons, attended a Hebrew school in 1943 on Keap Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. For a month he attended Camp Mohaph in Glenspray, N.Y., owned by "Pop" Richman, and there he studied for his Bar Mitzvah. At the close of the season, his family came with friends to the Bar Mitzvah celebration at the camp. After the religious service, they all drove to Manhattan, where they enjoyed a dinner dance in the ballroom of the St. Moritz Hotel. Paul recalls that the dinner was kosher and that Harry Hirschfield entertained the guests.

Paul attended Jamaica High School where he ran track. During the fall of his junior year and spring of his senior year he worked afternoons with his father at his father's office in the Empire State Building. In 1948 he entered N.C. State University in Raleigh, where he studied textile chemistry and dyeing. He was an ROTC member for those four years, and when he entered the U.S. Army afterward, he was given the rank of Lieutenant.

Leonard was educated at N.C. State also, specializing in industrial engineering. He later chose to live in New York, and he now resides in New Jersey. He attended Harvard Business School, worked for N.Y.



Telephone, then for A T & T.

Gloria, the oldest child of Harry and Beatrice Lavitt, graduated from Hickory High School in 1944. She attended Women's College of UNC in Greensboro, then transferred and graduated from Pace College in New York City, with a degree in business administration.

After working for several years in New York City, she married Philip Goldenberg, an internist/cardiologist and moved to Hartford, Conn. They now reside in Bloomfield, a suburb of Hartford. They have three children, Jeffrey, Andrew and Lori and one grandson, Brandon Todd.

Gloria has been very active in communal and religious organizations. She was the first president of the Hartford chapter of Women's American Ort in 1952. She became Sisterhood president of Beth El Temple in the 1960s, having been charter member with her husband when it was formed in 1952. In 1982 Gloria became its first woman president.

Although she has lived in New England for the past 38 years, she still feels close ties to her home state of North Carolina.

In 1955, Beatrice Lavitt attended a fund-raising affair to benefit terminally ill cancer patients and their families. The meeting was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. There Beatrice met Pauline Kirschman, who went to the podium in recognition of her year of presidency of the Junior Chapter of the organization. When Paul went to his parents' home for Passover, he met Pauline.

Recently released from army service, Paul was establishing himself in the textile business, working for his uncle, Sam Lavitt, in Hickory, and he was ready to settle down. On October 15, 1955, Paul and Pauline married.

Pauline had completed two years at Queens College in New York, and she continued her schooling at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, where the couple has lived since marriage. She graduated *summa cum laude*. Two sons were born to them, Howard in 1958 and Arthur in



*Sgt. Harry Lavitt of Company K, 22nd Infantry, 1917.*

1961, both at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

The first teacher in Hickory who was Jewish, Pauline taught in the public schools there for seven years. In 1972 she worked for a time with Paul, and later opened a ladies' boutique in Hickory. Recently, Pauline added a shop in Charlotte.

Paul and Pauline have lived a rewarding life, active both in Jewish affairs and in the civic community. Pauline was a charter member of the League of Women Voters, AAUW, Lung Association and Hospice. Paul Lavitt Mills continues to thrive in Hickory.

Cantor/Rabbi Dick Brown was employed as personnel director of the Paul Lavitt Mills, and Paul was serving as president of the Hickory Jewish Community Center. Thus, Paul was instrumental in engaging the talented Dick Brown to serve the Hickory Jewish community as its rabbi.

Paul and Pauline continue to follow Jewish tradition and observe laws of Kashrut. They were members of a temple in Asheville after their marriage and also joined Conservative congregations in Charlotte and Hickory. They are members of Temple Israel in Charlotte, where their sons Howard and Arthur studied for and celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs. Parties after services were held at the Sharon Amity Club and at Rain-tree Country Club with kashered kitchens on both occasions.

One of the Bar Mitzvah guests at

Howard's celebration was Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz of Hillcrest Jewish Center, Long Island, N.Y. The family's acquaintance with Rabbi Mowshowitz dated from their residence in Asheville, when the rabbi was a guest in the Lavitt home. In 1955 he had officiated at the marriage of Paul and Pauline.

Both Howard and Arthur attended Hill High School in Pottstown, Pa., and also Mercy & Truth Synagogue nearby, meeting many people in that Jewish community. Howard attended Tufts University in Medford, Mass., where he played basketball and was a member of Hillel.

Arthur graduated in 1984 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in industrial management. He played J.V. Basketball and golf and was vice president of Interfraternity. He worked afterwards for Synco, Inc., a real estate firm in Charlotte, as vice president in sales. Arthur has been named president and chief executive officer of Paul Lavitt Mills, after serving as vice president and manager of sales and marketing for the national operation. He is a member of the fourth generation of the Lavitt family engaged in the manufacture of textiles in North Carolina.

Gloria Lavitt Goldenberg, who lives in Bloomfield, Conn., and Molly Lavitt Nallenbogen and Sara Lavitt of Miami Fl., contributed to this story with their recollections. The principal contributor is Paul Lavitt of Hickory, N.C.



*Paul, Pauline, Arthur and Howard Lavitt, 1986.*

## **"Merely a Teenage Prank" Is desecrating a synagogue the work of kids out for "fun" —or is it anti-Semitic vandalism?**

by Ira Gissen

This article is reprinted from the November 1989 issue of the **ADL Bulletin**, national publication of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The window of a synagogue in Charlotte, N.C., shattered by a brick. . . the front of a temple in Lynchburg, Va., desecrated by a swastika graffiti. . . a synagogue in Roanoke, Va., defiled by a swastika highlighted with the letters W.A.R.—not the word for military combat but rather the initials of the white supremacist hate group known as White Aryan Resistance.

These incidents, some of the manifestations of the recent increase in anti-Semitic vandalism reported across the country, are seen by some as merely teenage "pranks." Even some law enforcement officers take the view that many of these repulsive acts are the work of kids out for a bit of "fun." It's almost as if such an attack perpetrated by a young person is less serious than if done by an adult. Such thinking seems to be based on the notion that youngsters do not realize the significance of their actions.

ADL's 1988 Audit of Anti-Semitic incidents indicated that 90 percent of those arrested throughout the U.S. for anti-Semitic vandalism were under 21 years of age. Contrary to the "innocent prank" theory, specific cases seem to indicate that malicious intent is often the motivation of youthful perpetrators.

Consider, for example, the case of Sterling Trent Hevener, 18, of Roanoke, who was arrested for the desecration of Temple Emanuel in Roanoke. The evidence is overwhelming that Hevener's crime was no teenage prank.

Hevener admitted that his painting of the swastika graffiti was intended to intimidate Roanoke's Jewish community. The Commonwealth's Attorney Donald Caldwell said there was ample proof to indicate that Hevener intended the swastika as a symbol to engender fear.

"When you single out a synagogue for a swastika," Mr. Caldwell said, "anyone with even a glimmer of history would appreciate what it means to the people who worship there." At the trial, Judge

Roy D. Willett told Hevener that his act was "totally despicable."

When Hevener was arrested, police searching his room found white supremacist literature emanating from White Aryan Resistance as well as a copy of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. His fascination with Hitler was apparent by the swastikas decorating the black walls of the room.

Although Hevener's defense attorney said his client's action was nothing more than a stupid teenage prank, he went on to talk of the "morbid curiosity" of some for the Hitler era and concluded that Hevener "just took it a step too far and acted some of it out."

Police found no evidence that Hevener had formal ties to any organized hate group and he said that he had none. However, his hair was cut in a manner of the neo-Nazi Skinheads who have been linked to White Aryan Resistance and the literature in his room seemed to bear out his interest in extremist views. Friends testifying at a pretrial hearing said that his inspiration for the graffiti painting came from a magazine article about Skinheads.

Under the Virginia law dealing with such crimes (which is based on an ADL model statute), Hevener's swastika-painting was a felony. On April 17, 1989, he appeared in Roanoke's Circuit Court and entered a guilty plea to the charge. An agreement was reached between the Commonwealth and the defense following consultation with the board of trustees of Temple Emanuel. As a result, Hevener received a suspended sentence of three years and was placed on probation for two years to include 250 hours of community service to be arranged by his probation officer. In addition, he was ordered to pay restitution for damages to the Temple as well as court costs.

How repentant Hevener actually was became apparent during the summer when he was ordered back to court after he left the site of his court-ordered community service having completed only two hours of the required 250.

I don't think we've gotten your attention yet," Judge Willett told Hevener. "We don't put up with vandalism or desecration," the Judge added in passing a 30-day jail sentence. "You're playing games with people," he went on. "I don't have the time to lead you by the hand through a diversion that keeps you out of the penitentiary."

Rabbi Frank Muller, Temple Emanuel's spiritual leader, expressed satisfaction

with Hevener's original sentence.

"Our members never wanted a jail term for him," the Rabbi said. "What is important to us is that he does not repeat the crime."

Whether Sterling Trent Hevener will change his attitude remains to be seen. It's a situation that will call for continued monitoring by ADL.

Ira Gissen is director of ADL's North Carolina/Virginia regional office.

## **An Update on Hate Groups by Estelle Hoffman**

A review of the racial violence in the U.S. in the decade of the 1980s has been published by *Klanwatch*, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The report confirms the decline of membership in the Ku Klux Klan, but the news is that white supremacist groups are increasing in number and are attracting membership from more diverse segments of the population than the Klan ever included.

Among alarming developments is the fact that no fewer than six men known as advocates of racial hatred ran for public offices. One, David Duke, posing as a rational moderate, was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives.

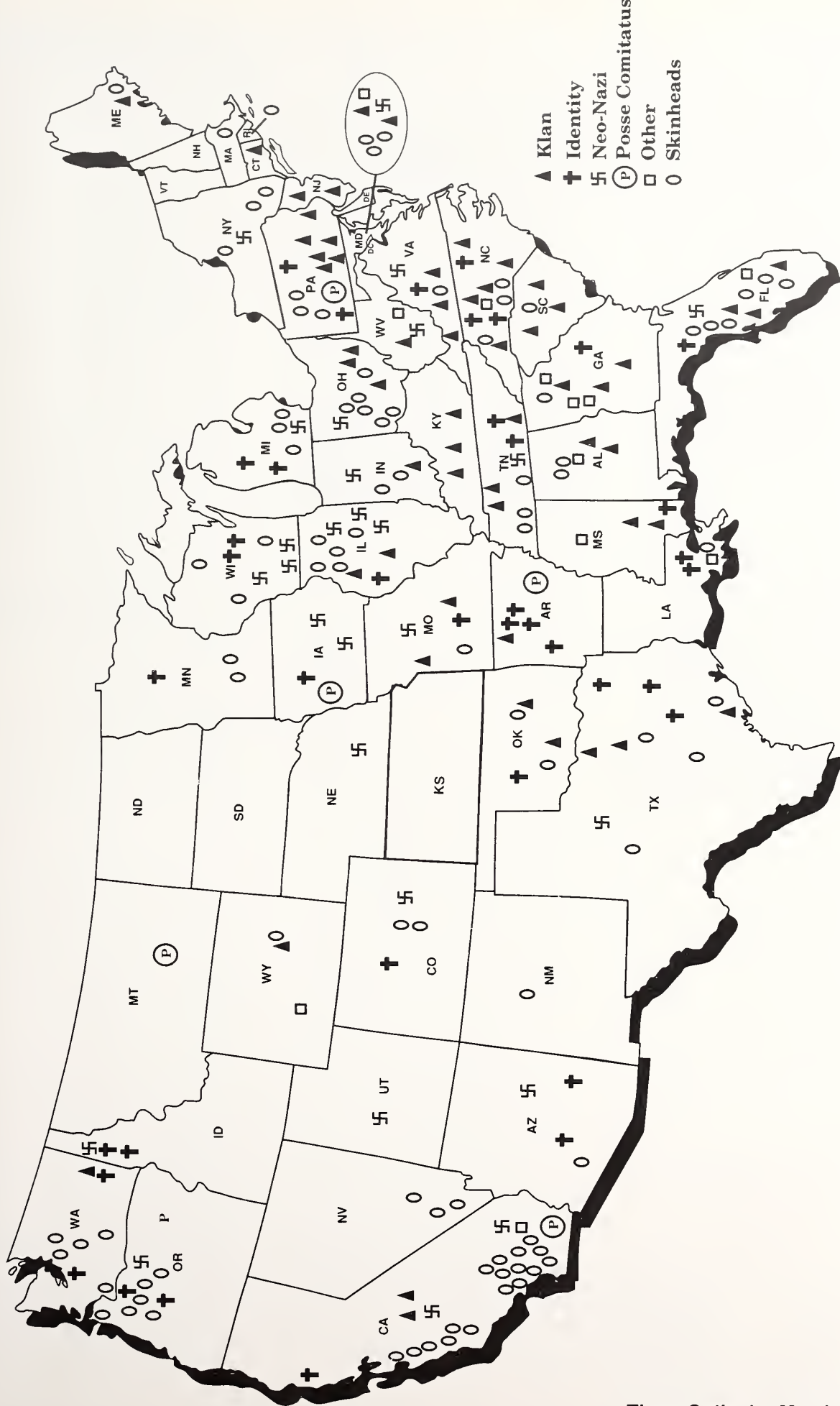
Fortunately for our security, the federal government has been alert and has infiltrated the ranks of most organizations engaged in antiminority activities, and has been successful in indicting and winning convictions of many perpetrators of criminal actions.

The greatest present threat comes from groups of *Skinheads*. They are Neo-Nazis, and hold racial hatred as their only "ideology" and violence as their sole tactic, according to *Klanwatch*. Belligerent, shavenheaded *Skinheads* have attracted media attention, spreading their message carelessly. Telephone lines are also used for recorded messages countrywide. This method is difficult to control.

In summary, although membership in hate groups is believed to have declined in the past decade, incidents of violence including murder have increased. Our duty is to be vigilant and to report any incident or suspect to local police authorities.

See the accompanying map for details on hate groups in the United States.





# White Supremacist Groups in the United States — 1989

## Resettling Soviet Jewry

by Estelle Hoffman

When the Roman Empire sacked Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in the year 70 A.D., they took most of the Jews captive as slaves. On the voyage back to Rome, it was necessary to stop at ports on the shores of the Mediterranean. At that time there were Jews settled in many spots, engaging in trade or other endeavors to gain a livelihood.

When the Roman ships docked, Jews met them and redeemed many of the captured Jews from slavery. It should be noted that some scattered Jews remained behind, and they continued to live with their descendants in what had been Judea, enduring rigorous hardship.

The fact that Jews had already been leaving their homeland and that some were already in *diaspora* is often overlooked. One forms his own conclusions as to whether that was part of the divine plan, but it helped many to survive and to avoid being displayed in chains together with the booty in the triumphal parade in Rome.

Throughout history, as one monarch after another drove Jews from his realm, some who fled were received by others in lands which permitted them to enter. Thus, some were able to take up the business of living, until there was a treasury deficit or some other reason to confiscate their property and drive them out. As flames of anti-Semitism rose ever higher, they had increasing need for aid.

Now, the number of Jews leaving the USSR has increased dramatically. It appears, as Seymour D. Reich, International President of B'nai B'rith has announced, that both the government of Israel and the American Jewish community "may have to sacrifice to provide the dollars" to aid emigration from the Soviet Union.

It might be the largest exodus of all time. Even the United States cannot absorb the enormous number of refugees seeking entry from many countries at the same time. Undoubtedly, Israel will have to take up the

overflow of Jews. It is inconceivable that they could refuse, and "Israel has always met the challenge of numbers," Mr. Reich stated at Tel Aviv University.

Those of us who remember the plight of all Jews in Nazi occupied Europe will need no convincing. Now there is a place for them, and it is up to American Jews to do their utmost to help resettle refugees in Israel, which needs to increase its population of Jews.

Our assistance is an act that will once again prove the worth of the diaspora.

### B'nai B'rith Forms New U.S.S.R. Units in Wake of All-Soviet Jewish Congress

A B'nai B'rith mission from the United States in Moscow in December 1989 to participate in the historic all-Soviet Jewish Congress met with Soviet leaders to discuss outstanding issues facing the Diaspora's second largest Jewish community. The mission also laid plans for the formulation of nine provisional B'nai B'rith units in the far-flung reaches of the U.S.S.R.

The B'nai B'rith delegation was led by Senior Vice President Horace Stern of Philadelphia, who brought greetings to the Congress from Seymour D. Reich, B'nai B'rith International President and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Delegation members Jacques Lurie of Philadelphia, B'nai B'rith Soviet Jewry Chairman, and Irving Silver of Mobile, Ala., were accompanied by Daniel S. Mariaschin, director of international and public affairs for B'nai B'rith, and Marlene Zakai, director of international programming for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO).

Mariaschin reported that nine provisional B'nai B'rith units are being established in Alma Ata (Kazakhstan), Baku (Azerbaijan), Birobidjan, Dnepopetrovsk, Grodno, Kiev, Kishinev, Kokand (Uzbekistan) and Odessa. "We were approached by

young activists seeking to affiliate with B'nai B'rith," said Mariaschin. "Extending our reach into the farthest corners of the Soviet Union marks the start of an exciting new chapter in B'nai B'rith history."

BBYO also hopes to be a part of that future, said Zakai. "Soviet Jewish communities are starting to provide Jewish education for their children," she said, "but separate cultural and social activities do not yet exist for Jewish youth in an organized fashion. We are now exploring a number of ways in which BBYO can get involved, for the sake of the next generation."

Heightening the sense of the dawn of a new era was the mission's visit to the new Jewish day school in Riga, Latvia, which already boasts 400 eager students. The delegation also met with four Jewish members of the Soviet Congress of Deputies: Grigory Kanovitch (Vilna), Mavrik Vulfson (Riga), Leonid Shkolnik (Birobidjan) and Ilya Zaslovsky (Moscow).

On the negative side, Mariaschin noted that anti-Semites have been distributing hate literature to Soviet deputies, while the Komsomol (Young Communist) magazine "Young Guard" reprinted a B'nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly article on B'nai B'rith in Moscow with the chilling exhortation, "We must chop off the tentacles of the Zionist octopus." The visiting delegation discussed issues of burgeoning anti-Semitism and the continuing plight of refuseniks with Yuri Reshetov, director of the Human Rights Bureau of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

To coordinate B'nai B'rith's expanded activity in the Soviet Union, B'nai B'rith International has appointed Hillel Kuttler to a newly created position in the public affairs department. According to Kuttler, 28, former national director of the Zionist movement Telem, B'nai B'rith will offer its Soviet units expertise in combatting anti-Semitism, stronger links with world Jewry through the B'nai B'rith International network, and cultural and educational material in English, Hebrew and Russian.



# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Southern Jewish Historical Society Meets March 23 to 25

The Fourteenth Conference on the Southern Jewish Experience, sponsored by the Southern Jewish Historical Society, is scheduled for March 23 to 25 in Charleston, S.C., at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel.

Speakers at three sessions will include faculty members of universities in southern states. The program promises to be exciting and interesting. For information on registration, call Sol Breibart, (803) 766-1398. Reservations' deadline is March 9 and thereafter, as available.

## Robert Mayer Evans Keynotes Israel Bonds Tribute to Dan Horvitz by Richard Deutsch

Noted journalist and explorer Robert Mayer Evans will be the keynote speaker at a Dessert Reception honoring Dr. Daniel Horvitz at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh, on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

Dan Horvitz, this year's honoree, has been a dedicated and active member of the Raleigh Jewish Community for the past 30 years. Dr. Horvitz has been highly successful within his profession of statistical science, both in education and industry while maintaining a strong commitment to and leadership in Jewish causes.

Dan Horvitz has continually donated his time and talents to local Jewish organizations year after year. He is currently president of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and past president of the Wake County Jewish Federation and Temple Beth Or.

Robert Mayer Evans has lived and worked in several dozen countries spread over five continents. He is a former CBS News Foreign Corres-



*Dan Horvitz*

pondent and Bureau Chief in Moscow. He entered broadcasting by working for the late Edward R. Murrow. He covered the Soviet Union across Siberia to the China Border. Such exposure gave him unusual insights into the intricacies of the Soviet world.

Evans has worked on both sides of the Iron Curtain in Eastern and Western Europe and in communist China, where he met the current Chinese leader, Deng Shao-Ping. He has also worked in Arab and oil-producing countries around the Persian Gulf. He has traveled in Israel covering wars, as well as peace negotiations.

In the Middle East, he met the late Anwar Sadat of Egypt, King Hussein of Jordan, the late Shah of Iran, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister and Minister of Petroleum, and PLO leaders at their headquarters in Beirut. In Israel, he has met Cabinet Ministers and every Prime Minister for more than two decades.

Evans' education is broad: a degree from North Carolina, an LLB and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Yale Law School, a Masters in Jurisprudence from Oxford in England, and a certificate in Chinese from Yale.



*Robert M. Evans*



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**Holocaust Play at Duke  
University, April 28, 1990**  
by Sharon Halperin

In the Nazi death camps of Europe, Fania Fenelon, a young Frenchwoman, survived by performing and arranging music. For ten months, Fenelon played in the women's orchestra at Auschwitz until the orchestra was disbanded and the musicians were transferred to the camp at Bergen-Belsen.

On April 28 at 8 p.m. at R. J. Reynolds Industries Theatre, Duke University, Durham, the play "An Evening with Madame F," the story of Fania Fenelon will be presented.

This one-woman performance by actress and musician Claudia Stevens recreates the life of Fania Fenelon among the horrors of the death camp. The songs played and sung by Stevens during the show are pieces which were actually performed by the musicians at Auschwitz.

Claudia Stevens is a faculty member at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Like Fenelon, Stevens is an accomplished musician. She has presented piano recitals at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall, Washington's National Gallery and Boston's Jordan Hall. She has recorded for National Public Radio and Perspective of New Music.

Tickets will be on sale the evening of the performance at 7 p.m. at the Box Office of the Reynolds Theatre at Duke University. Tickets are \$7.50 each, \$5 for students. The show was arranged through the Jewish Welfare Board with the sponsorship of the Duke/UNC Hillel Foundation, the Duke Center for Judaic Studies, the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, Generation to Generation and the Wake County Jewish Federation.

"An Evening with Madame F" follows the annual Holocaust memorial service, this year to be held at Beth El Synagogue, Durham, on April 21 at 8 p.m.

**Yom Hashoah Program  
In Charlotte, April 22**

"An Evening with Madame F" starring Claudia Stevens will also be presented at the Charlotte Jewish Community Center on Sunday evening, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. This performance is cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center and Charlotte Jewish Federation. Call (704) 366-5007 for details.

The Charlotte members of the N.C. State Holocaust Commission have planned a candlelighting ceremony prior to Ms. Stevens' performance. Eleven candles, memorializing the six million Jews and five million others who were killed in the Holocaust, will be lit.

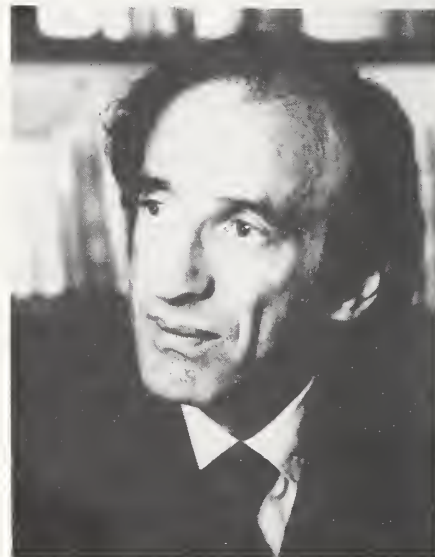
**Temple Israel Co-sponsors  
Elie Wiesel Lecture,  
March 14  
Charlotte, N.C.**  
by Laura Knight

"Building a Moral Society" will be the focus of Nobel Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel's speech at the First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on Wednesday, March 14, 1990 from noon to 1:00 p.m. The lecture is cosponsored by First Presbyterian Church and Temple Israel.

Born in a Chassidic Jewish community in Romania in 1928, Wiesel survived Auschwitz to become a writer and teacher. His works, including the memoir *Night* (1960), chronicle and attempt to interpret the Holocaust. His success as a writer and his status as a Holocaust survivor have led to his prominence in Holocaust remembrance activities as well as his emergence as an internationally known human rights advocate. Wiesel serves on the governing boards of various religious, educational and business concerns, and, in addition to numerous professional and academic honors, has received awards from the governments of France, Israel, Brazil and the United States.

Rev. Bill Wood of First Presbyter-

ian Church said he is "enthusiastic about this opportunity to extend and expand our annual *Uptown Forum*. The purpose of the Forum is to bring distinguished thinkers and leaders to Charlotte, to discuss and challenge us to respond to the ethical issues facing our community and nation."



*Elie Wiesel*

Rabbi Marc Wilson commented, "We are thrilled that the opportunity has risen in Charlotte's central city to celebrate the bond between our two faiths. We are delighted to inaugurate our association with First Presbyterian by bringing to our community a person of Elie Wiesel's stature."

Mr. Wiesel's lecture is free and open to the public. However, seating is very limited and *admission is by ticket only*. Please call Temple Israel for ticket information at (704) 376-2796.

**Other Temple News**

The monthly Jewish Business and Professional Forum will feature Ed Williams, editor of *The Charlotte Observer*, on Monday, March 19. Buffet lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. followed by the speaker. Program concludes at 1:30. Call the Temple office for reservation, 376-2796.

Robert Gleiberman, director of Youth Activities, has been appointed



to the International Board of Directors of Jewish Youth Directors' Association for 1990. Robert received his appointment at the 20th annual J.Y.D.A. Convention held at Kutscher's in New York, January 14-17. His primary responsibility will be the membership of the organization.

Cher Fox was inducted into the Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society at United Synagogue Youth's International Convention in Philadelphia, December 20-28, 1989. Cher is the daughter of Dr. Leonard and Karen Fox.

Bernie Ackerman was named "Layman of the Year" by the YMCA board of directors. The award, presented only when a volunteer has served in a manner beyond the usual and not given every year, recognized Bernie's service as chairman of the finance committee and treasurer for two years. He was instrumental in putting the bank draft membership into place and he put the financial system on computer, thus effecting great benefit to the YMCA.

Bernie Ackerman is a busy CPA in Rock Hill, S.C. He and his wife Teri live in Ft. Mill, S.C. He is the son of George and Sarah Ackerman of Ft. Mill.

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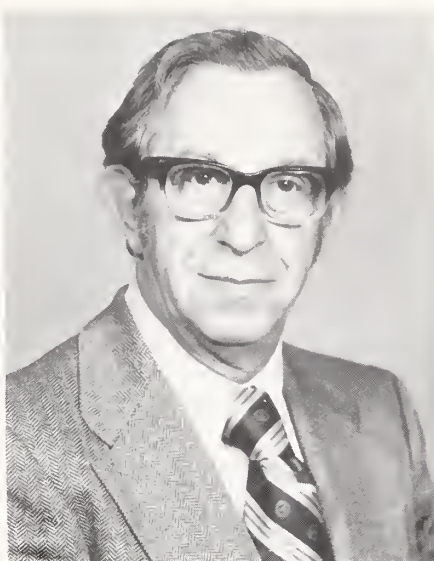
The by-line for the Temple Israel article in the January-February issue of the *Times Outlook* should have read "Wendy Cooper." We regret the error.

## **Remembering Fred Bergen Charlotte, N.C.**

by Estelle Hoffman

Fred Bergen of Charlotte, N.C. died December 26, 1989.

Fred and Ilse Sundheimer were married in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1941. Fred served in the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II. After his discharge, he began to travel in the southeast as a manufacturer's representative selling men's clothing. In



*Fred Bergen*

1948 they moved to Charlotte, N.C. with their son Les. Soon his travel was confined almost exclusively within the Carolinas.

Jeff, their second son, was born in Charlotte and still resides there.

Fred's acquaintances in the business world increased, mutually enjoyed by him and his customers. Some initially had received him sympathetically because of his having come to the U.S. as a refugee from Nazi Germany. Many contacts grew into friendship, as his good nature and honesty were recognized and appreciated.

During forty years of active life in the Carolinas, Fred devoted himself to community needs. Before he began to retire from his business career, he became an advisor to people in small businesses, as a member and vice president of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), under SBA. He encouraged others to join that effort, which kept him in touch with the business world. He was also a member of Kiwanis Golden K.

At Temple Israel in Charlotte, Fred worked untiringly. He and Ilse were always active members of the Temple, where he served on the executive board and as vice president for years. He performed many duties in the Temple, quietly and modestly.

His ideas created many projects, executed by him without requiring assistance from others. Evident results enhance beauty and comforts of Temple Israel.

In 1972, Les married Jane Banov, daughter of Dr. Leon and Mrs. Rita Banov of Charleston, S.C. Les and Jane live in Arlington, Va. with their children, Joel and Leah.

Fred liked people, and his kind understanding was reflected in the warmth and respect with which he was regarded. Uncritical himself, he discouraged discontent voiced by others and served as a soothing influence in the community. His memory will be cherished by all of us.

## **Beth Jacob Congregation Winston-Salem, N.C.**

Continuing its series on Life, Law and Religion, Beth Jacob Congregation in Winston-Salem sponsored a forum, "Medical Ethics: Aging" on February 10.

Participants were: Rabbi Aaron Mackler of Beth Jacob who is also a University Fellow, Georgetown University & Kennedy School of Ethics; Michael Gerhardt, assistant professor, Wake Forest School of Law; Dr. Frank Celestino, assistant professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Director of Geriatrics Education, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Donald Morris, executive vice president, Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Rabbi Mackler outlined the issues to be discussed in the forum:

"The challenges of aging provide the basis for many of the most difficult and important issues of medical ethics. Individuals face hard medical and financial decisions and personal challenges involving basic questions of meaning and quality of life.

"Society is confronted by issues of how much medical care should be provided, how that care should be paid for, and who should make medical decisions."

## Danny Siegel, Scholar-in-Residence at Beth Meyer in Raleigh, April 27-28

by Jacquie Katz

"What do Paul Newman and Bruce Springsteen know about MITZVOT that we don't?" Join us at Beth Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh, April 27-28, for the answer.

Danny Siegel is an author, poet, scholar, teacher and Mitzvah-maker. Author of sixteen books, he has had articles in *Moment* magazine, *The National Jewish Monthly*, *Sh'ma*, *Present Tense* and *The Jewish Spectator*.

He is the founder and chairman of the ZIV TZADAKAH fund for collection and distribution of funds to little known individuals and projects, especially those in Israel. He serves

on the board of "Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger," and American Friends of Lifeline to the Old. Mr. Siegel holds bachelor and master's degrees in Hebrew Literature from Columbia University.

A warm, charismatic and dynamic speaker, Danny Siegel has been called the "best known unknown Jewish author in America." We are very proud to have Mr. Siegel as our scholar for a Scholar-in-Residence Weekend celebrating Israel's 42nd Anniversary of Independence. Please join us for the following activities:

Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Family Service

Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and D'var Torah

Saturday, 1 p.m. Study Session for USY, college students and students of all ages.

6. Call CAJE for more information. A copy of the pilot project curriculum is available to CAJE members by calling CAJE (704) 366-1948 or writing CAJE, 1727 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

The "Lunch 'N Learn" teachers' workshop with Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi of the P'nai Or Renewal Network on Sunday, February 4, was attended by 33 teachers from the following schools: Ahavath Sholom, Bluefield, W.V.; Beth Meyer, Raleigh; Asheville JCC, Asheville; Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Temple Israel, the Charlotte JCC/Foundation, and CAJE members in Charlotte.

CAJE membership is at an all time high—68 member schools, congregations, community centers and individual members.

Just a reminder—the 1990 Creative Project of the Year deadline is March 15, 1990. Call CAJE for applications. A \$50 CASH PRIZE is being awarded.

Free single copies of "Religious Holidays in the Public Schools—Questions & Answers," a pamphlet published by the American Jewish Committee, are available on request from the CAJE Resource Center. Call or write.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Cookie and Victor Cohen of Greensboro on the untimely loss of their son, Zvi. Cookie is the Education Director of Beth David Religious School in Greensboro and a CAJE member. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Cy Jacobs and family of Greensboro, on the loss of his wife Genie. Cy is the visionary who founded CAJE, was its first Executive Director and served as CAJE treasurer for many years.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women & Men (CAJWM), funded through grants from the CAJWM, the Blumenthal Foundation, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Western N.C. Jewish Federation, and is supported by member fees.

Think Jewish education in the Carolinas—think CAJE.

## Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

by Lenora Stein

CAJE news update—bits and bytes of happenings in and around the CAJE network:

"M & M's—Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah: A Mixed Bag of Jewish Family Fun Programs" successfully premiered in Charlotte on Sunday, January 21. This new community-wide Jewish family education series jointly sponsored by CAJE, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom, began with a family Mezuzah-making workshop. Over 60 kids and parents together created beautiful wood Mezuzahs, sang, listened to stories, shared an experiential lesson on how Mezuzahs are made, met the program mascot "Malkie Mishpochah," ate lots of M & M's and went home smiling. Who says Jewish education can't be fun? "M & M's has a few more spaces open for families to register for "Matzah Balls 'N More" on Sunday, March 25 and "Music-Making" with Marvin Bienstock on Sunday, May



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## Min Klein Retires Greensboro, N.C.



Min Klein

Mrs. Al Klein (Min) has retired as Bulletin Editor of the Temple Emanuel Bulletin, Greensboro, after 32 years in that position.

During the period when *The American Jewish Times Outlook* was published in Greensboro, Min served as secretary-editor for several years.

## WJC Seeks Holocaust Survivors

The Australian government has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress for a War Crimes investigation it is conducting into allegations of murder committed by the Ukrainian police in and around the village of Berezovka (Beresowka) during World War II.

The murders were committed during the period 1941 to 1943. The village of Berezovka is located in the Ustinovsky district, Kirovograd region of the eastern part of the Ukraine.

Other nearby villages and cities include Krivoy Rog, Novo Bug, Bobrinets, Novo Petrovka, Kovalevka and Ustinovka. To aid in this investigation, we are seeking survivors who lived in any of these locations before or during the war.

If you are a survivor of one of these locales or otherwise have information relevant to the activities of the Ukrainian police in these specific towns and villages, please contact: Mrs. Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 755-5770.

The Australian government has assured that all information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## Study on Jewish Marriage and Interfaith Currently under Way Chapel Hill, N.C.

A research study exploring the differences between Jewish-Christian interfaith and Jewish-Jewish samefaith couples' marital satisfaction is currently being conducted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). The study will compare samefaith and interfaith couples on a number of psychological dimensions related to marriage to discover how, if at all, the two types of marriages are different.

In addition to comparing samefaith and interfaith couples the research project will also examine issues that are specific to the experience of being intermarried, such as how interfaith couples choose a religion for their children. Data from the study will be used to develop a marital assessment questionnaire specifically for interfaith couples.

Because the study is also collecting data on samefaith couples other questions pertaining to the relationship between Judaism and marriage may also be addressed. In particular, marriage between Jews from different backgrounds—such as a Reform Jew married to a Conservative Jew—will be investigated to determine if they are more like interfaith than samefaith marriages.

The research is being conducted by Evan Nelson, who holds a master of arts in psychology from UNC-CH and is currently a doctoral candidate in their clinical psychology program. "This study is not about who intermarries or why Jews marry non-Jews," said Nelson. "It is about what it is like to BE intermarried—separate from whether or not intermarriage is right or wrong."

Married couples who wish to volunteer for the study may do so by contacting Mr. Nelson, who will mail a set of questionnaires to volunteers' homes. The questionnaires take less than one hour and postage-paid envelopes for the re-

turn of completed forms are included. Volunteers may request a free short summary of the results of the study in exchange for their participation. All answers are anonymous, and volunteers may withdraw from the study at any time.

To be eligible to be in the study a couple must (1) be in a first-time marriage and (2) at least one spouse must be Jewish. Samefaith, interfaith and conversionary couples of all ages, durations of marriage and degrees of religious involvement are needed. Data collection will continue through August 1990.

To volunteer or for additional information please contact: Evan S. Nelson, M.A., Department of Psychology, CB#3270, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-3270, Home: (919) 942-6454.



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## Schwartz-Birnbaum Wedding Baltimore, Maryland



*Mrs. Louis Hal Schwartz*

The marriage ceremony of Stacy Beth Birnbaum and Louis Hal Schwartz was performed by Rabbi Marc Loeb on August 27, 1989 at Bluecrest in Pikesville, Md.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael B. Birnbaum of Baltimore, Md. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Schwartz of Wilmington, N.C.

Mrs. Schwartz is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is employed as a nurse by the University of Maryland in the pediatric intensive care unit. Mr. Schwartz, a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, is associated with the Manekin Corporation of Columbia, Md. as a commercial real estate broker.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz reside in Baltimore.

## Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

Temple Beth El V'Shalom has recently formed an innovative committee called the Human Resources Committee. This committee focuses on identifying needs of members which may before now have gone unnoticed, and finding resources within the Temple membership to fulfill those needs. It also attempts to locate people with the skills needed to perform the numerous voluntary tasks required for the successful functioning of the Temple. Lynne Cojac, the capable chair of the Human Resources Committee, is the individual responsible for my writing this news summary. Please direct any complaints to her!

One of the many projects engendered by the Human Resources Committee is the formation of Chavurah Groups, small groups of friends who have a common interest and who get together socially. Several Chavurah groups have already been formed, and the Committee is continually seeking Temple members who are interested in becoming part of a Chavurah.

Our Temple also has a successful Bingo game every Thursday night, thanks to the untiring efforts of the chairman, Arnold Kridel, and a small dedicated band of volunteers. The Human Resources Committee is working toward expanding this group into a larger Bingo Committee, to help spread some of the work around.

Other projects of the Human Resources Committee include the organization of a fundraising group, a telephone questionnaire to survey Temple members, an Adopt-A-Family program, and the development of a Social Club, as yet unnamed, for Temple members between the ages of 25 and 45. So you see, the Human Resources Committee is really making a difference and helping our Temple to flourish.

March will be an eventful month for Temple Beth El V'Shalom. On March 2 we will be hosting a joint service with Temple Israel of Charlotte in honor of the Hebrew High School. The service will be conducted by Hebrew High School students in the eighth and ninth grades, as well as the confirmation class.

On March 9 we will have a family Purim service. Sisterhood is organizing a Shabbat dinner before the service, and Cantor Chotin will end the evening with a Purim songfest. Our Purim Carnival will be held in conjunction with Temple Israel on Sunday morning, March 11 at the Jewish Community Center. The costume parade will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a program of Purim songs and carnival games and fun for everyone.

Conspicuously absent from Charlotte at our Purim festivities will be Rabbi Robert Seigel and 28 of our members who will be on a tour of Israel. They will be celebrating Purim in Israel, visiting centers of Reform Judaism, and they also will travel to Cairo. We wish them a safe and wonderful trip, and look forward to hearing of their experiences when they return.

Rabbi Seigel will be back in Charlotte in late March in time to appear as a guest on the television program of the Reverend Joseph Chambers which will focus on Israel.

Finally, we would like to welcome as full fledged members of our congregation the two young men who celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs in January and February, Jeffrey Sterling and Seth Horner, and we extend our congratulations to their families.

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## **Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.**

by Marjorie Schachter

### **Shabbat Friendship Circle**

Having finished its survey of comparative religion, the Circle began a new series, starting December 2, on "A Contemporary View of Torah." Consisting of an explanation and discussion of the week's assigned Torah portion as it relates to modern times and problems, the series is scheduled for the first Saturday of the month for a total of six months. Rabbi Ronald Bluming led the first discussion, with succeeding sessions presented by volunteers. On January 6, Peter Meyer led a discussion of "Vayagash," which is found in Genesis 44:18 through 47:27. Refreshments were provided by Peter and Sylvia Meyer.

### **The Sisterhood**

Ruth Chicurel has performed a major service in compiling and distributing to the Temple membership a complete list of members' birthdays and anniversaries. Simplifying the sending of Uniongrams at appropriate times, the list has already been instrumental in raising hundreds of dollars for Sisterhood.

A covered dish dinner coordinated by Rose Rose, our Number One *Food Maven*, was held on February 16. A sumptuous selection, including such classics as Liesel Sullivan's famous noodle pudding, made its memorable appearance.

The general meeting and luncheon is scheduled for March 12; the Temple Seder will be held on April 9.

### **The Brotherhood**

Sid Schochet, Jewish Chautauqua Society chairman for the Brotherhood, announced in December that Mars Hill College Library was awarded a shelf of books on Judaica by the National Office of the J.C.S. Similar gifts of books have been made by the J.C.S. to libraries at UNCA, Warren Wilson, Western Carolina University, Montreat-Anderson, Isothermal Community College and Brevard College. The Society also sponsors Rabbi Blum-

ing's Mars Hill College class on Judaism and his visits to nearby schools, as well as the Clergy Institute held at the Temple each spring.

Sid also pointed out that these activities are duplicated at hundreds of Reform Temple Brotherhoods throughout the country, and that no other Jewish movement takes this unique approach to "Understanding through Education."

Featured speaker at the lox-and-bagel brunch on January 7 was Bob Terrell, writer and columnist for the *Asheville Citizen-Times*. His subject was "A Layman's View of Israel"—a view from the perspective of the many tours he has conducted in the region, which have given him a unique insight into the Muslim mind. He predicted that Jordan will become the Palestinian state.

Brotherhood Shabbat was observed on February 16.

The March brunch is scheduled for the 25th. The speaker will be Theodore Uldricks, professor of history at UNCA, who will focus on Eastern Europe including the USSR.

### **Adult Education**

The first session of Rabbi Bluming's six-part course on Jewish customs and ceremonies, originally scheduled for October 12, was held on January 9.

### **The Religious School**

The Temple's Confirmation students participated in the city-wide "Light Up Your Holidays" program by sharing a special Chanukah story. Beth Israel Synagogue students were also part of the program, which was presented in a public space in downtown Asheville.

The students participated in Shabbat worship on Friday night, January 26. The Oneg Shabbat that night was sponsored by Religious School parents.

The School held a Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, February 25, at Unger Hall. A good selection of adult and children's books—and refreshments—were for sale.

### **Temple Milestone**

Temple Beth ha-Tephila will celebrate its Centennial in 1991. Muriel

Marks has been appointed chairperson of the year-long event.

### **Sunday Lectures**

Henry Meyers presented an enlightening three-part lecture series entitled "The Jewish Contribution to America" on three Sunday mornings in December.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Once again, Beth Israel, in conjunction with the rest of the Jewish community, participated in Asheville's "Light Up Your Holidays" festivities with a Menorah lighting ceremony at Pack Square. The program featured singing, Israeli dancing, a short musical presentation and refreshments. This lighting ceremony program, held yearly, is an all-out Asheville community function with our non-Jewish neighbors. As our Synagogue president, William Lewin, indicates, this year the festivity is particularly relevant because of the special freedoms we enjoy in this country, in view of what is happening throughout the world where these freedoms have not existed or do not exist today.

On December 10, Rabbi Shmuel Birnham discussed the topic, "What Really Happened Way Back When," a story even more exciting than the "Miracle of Oil."

Rabbi Birnham holds his "Lunch and Learn" program on the first Wednesday of each month, with the program centering on meaningful issues of Jewish thought or practice. Beth Israel plans to offer adult basic Hebrew literacy classes, using the successful "Hebrew While Standing on One Foot" method.

Interesting adult education classes have covered the following: "The Chosen People," "Principles of Conservative Thought: Revelation, Jewish Law, What is an Ideal Conservative Jew? How Should He or She Live? What Are the Expectations and Obligations?"

As a part of the Rabbi's adult edu-

cation program, the congregation participated with him in a "Shabbat Seder" on January 21, where participants went from "station to station," learning the Order of a Jewish Friday night, from "Shalom Aleichem" to "Birkat Hamazon".

The choir has begun to study the Trop (Cantillation) of the Haftarah. The goal is to have everyone in the class so familiar with the Trop that he/she could do any Haftarah with just two or three hours' preparation.

Sisterhood held an informative meeting December 3. There was a panel of Rabbi Birnham, Dr. Nathan Williams and Attorney Kate Dreher, explaining the religious, medical and legal aspects of the abortion issue. A question and answer period followed.

Mazel Tov to Ellen Sandweiss-Hodges and Matthew Hodges on the birth of a daughter, Alex, October 23. Mazel Tov to Dick and Elaine Schulman on the marriage of their son Brett to Laura Jennings. Congratulations to Cliff Feingold who recently became president of the Buncombe County Association of Dentists.

Mazel Tov to Drs. Debra Wright and Doug Milch on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to Egon and Ilse Friedlander on the birth of grandson Alex Jacob Friedlander on November 25. He is the son of Rick and Monica Friedlander of New York.

## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

On December 22, our juniors with the help of the teaching staff helped all the congregants to celebrate Chanukah with the singing of songs and even a little clogging to the tune of "Oh Chanukah." The food was plentiful with lots of *latkes* and other traditional foods and "nosheries." Rosenthal Hall was packed to capacity and the Hall and the people in it were well stuffed. Seems that when we mention food the whole congregation turns up!



Ira and Lil Kersh

The following Friday night, services were conducted in part by the grandchildren of Lillian and Ira Kersh who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Rabbi Albert Gordon did a very meaningful blessing in front of the Torah with the couple. Afterwards the entire congregation descended to Rosenthal Hall for an evening of "memory" type entertainment about the lives of the couple and their children. Parodies about Lil and Ira were sung to Chanukah tunes. Most amusing and very unexpected happenings!

On February 16, Dr. James McGiveran of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington was guest speaker and compared notes with our congregants on a basis of religious foundations.

Rabbi Gordon is now having sessions once a month with a class at Temple in Talmudic literature based on the *Pirke Avot*.

## Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Bari Gorelick

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah celebrated the 40th anniversary of life membership with a gala cocktail party on February 25 at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muller in Morrocroft.

Life members, associates and their guests enjoyed cocktails and kosher hors d'oeuvres. New life members were introduced.

Alan Kaufman of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra performed a variety of music throughout the evening.

Life membership in Hadassah shows one's everlasting commitment to the future of Hadassah and Israel. The funds are used to assure the continuation of programs in medicine, youth rescue, education, career training and land development.

The local chapter of Hadassah has approximately 50 associates, 16 child life members and 277 life members. The president is Audrey Madans; chairman of the event was Sheila Fisher; life membership chairman is Merle Purvis; membership vice presidents are Linda Gottlieb and Lynda White; and the hostesses and co-chairmen for this event were Florence Jaffa and Shirley Levine.

At a general meeting held February 21, Dr. Jay Jacoby, professor of English literature at UNCC, gave an interesting lecture entitled "Aspects of Eve and Lilith."

The March 21 meeting and program will be at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Park in the Junior Congregation Room.

The speaker will be Rabbi Israel Gerber who will discuss the book, *Between Arab and Jew: Unraveling the Knot* by Dr. Yosef Olmert. This book presents a comprehensive view of the history of the conflicts between Israel and the Arabs, including a discussion of the wars and rivalries among the Arab states, and an analysis of the intifada.

All members of Hadassah are invited and are welcome to bring guests. If planning to attend, please call Shirley Gottlieb at 365-9662.





## N.C. B'nai B'rith Meets at Blumenthal Jewish Home

by Ken Stern

President, N.C. State Association

January 7 was a busy day for participants at the semi-annual board meeting of the N.C. B'nai B'rith State Association. For the first time, the board met at the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons, N.C. Meeting at the Home provided members with a chance to tour the facilities and provided lodges across the state with an opportunity to perform some community service by sponsoring a Bingo program for the residents.

The agenda for the meeting included discussions of a state-sponsored Leadership Workshop held in February at the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club and plans for the State Convention to be held in Myrtle Beach in May. Presentations were also made by Gail Citron (N.C. Hillel Foundation Director) and by Donna Ostrower (Eastern Region BBYO Director). A luncheon followed the meeting, courtesy of the N.C. State Association.

Following lunch, the State Association sponsored a Bingo game for residents of the Home. Lodges from across the state donated items to be used as bingo prizes and to be included in "goody bags" that were handed out to all in attendance. Bingo prizes were donated by the Wilmington lodge, and included jewelry, a harmonica, scarf and a small clock. Items for the "goody bags" included playing cards, key chains and toothbrushes (Charlotte), greeting cards (Raleigh), a variety of toiletry items (Rocky Mount/Wilson), and calendars (Fayetteville).

Members of the State Association called the numbers and were stationed at each table to make sure that the residents did not miss any of the numbers called. From reports received, both the B'nai B'rith members and the residents had a super time.



Sol Jaffa of Charlotte watches BJH residents play Bingo: (L. to R.) Gladys Poindexter, Henrietta Meltsner, Fay Wexler.

## Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah's Life Members were honored with a tree planting ceremony at the Jewish Community Center in conjunction with the J's Tu b'Shevat Celebration on February 11. Jackie Stutts and Meredith Glazer, membership co-vice presidents, presented a certificate to Claire Putterman, president. Claire accepted the certificate on behalf of our thirty life members. Halailah appreciates the commitment of these women to our chapter.

A very successful program was held on February 20 at the Randolph Park Club House. Vicki Christiansen of the Family and Child Development Center discussed testing of preschool through high school students. The program was very informative, and members came away with a new understanding of what scores mean and how they are used.

Our next board meeting will be on March 12. Gail Robinson, regional director of BBW, will be our special guest. Our nominating committee has been busy developing a slate of new officers for 1990-91. This slate will be voted on during the March meeting.

Our next program, a joint venture with Charlotte Chapter, will be a panel discussion of the recent development between BBW and B'nai B'rith International. The program

will be held on March 20 at the Jewish Community Center, with panelists Susan Bruck, a national vice president of BBW, and Peggy Gartner, regional chairman. This is a great opportunity for members to receive information from a national and regional perspective on a very important and timely issue.

A variety of events are planned for the month of April. We will be preparing Passover Baskets during the end of March to distribute in April. If you can volunteer your time to this cause, please contact Randy DeFiliipp at 541-5861. On April 1, we will sponsor an afternoon tea and baby shower for Hunter House. To donate items or your time, please contact Eileen Darholt at 364-3897. On April 7, we will assist the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon by registering participants. Also during the month of April, we will be volunteering to assist with serving and clean-up of the Hot Lunch program for the Chai Group on Mondays and Fridays. As always, there are many opportunities for Jewish women to get involved and make a difference. Anyone interested in joining Halailah should call Jackie Stutts at 364-8360 or Meredith Glazer at 365-3242.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Celebration Forty

Monday, Shevat 10, which corresponds this year to February 5, marked the fortieth year of leadership of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson who accepted the role following the passing of his father in law, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, in 1950.

The scope of the Rebbe's teaching and, possibly more importantly, the actions that those teachings have generated are far reaching. In the past forty years, entire generations of Jews have become closer to Judaism through the Rebbe's efforts. Chabad Houses and Lubavitch Centers sprung up all over the world under the Rebbe's leadership. These institutions provide spiritual and material assistance to hundreds of thousands.

Among the many activities in the Carolinas marking the fortieth year were Kiddush-feasts held at the Chabad Houses in Charlotte, Columbia and Myrtle Beach and the new Lubavitch Center in Raleigh.

These celebrations were inaugurated on the Shabbat prior to the anniversary date and were very well attended. There was also a "Melaveh Malkah" celebration with traditional story telling held Saturday night in Charlotte. The event, sponsored by Carol Waldman and Trudy Reznek, was hosted by Eliza Schoenes as part of Celebration 40.

In addition to the celebrations held in the Carolinas and the world over, Lubavitch Chassidim have increased Torah Study in honor of the special milestone and stepped up outreach activities, especially with the Rebbe's famed Mitzvah Campaign.

### Conference of Southern Lubavitch Rabbis

Lubavitch rabbis from the Carolinas joined a group of forty Lubavitch rabbis from the South at a major conference held in Houston, Texas. The group included Rabbis Yossi Groner and Binyomin Weiss



*The Lubavitcher Rebbe*

from Charlotte, Pinchus Herman from Raleigh, Doron Aizenman and Yosef Naparstek from Myrtle Beach. Other representatives were from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and the host State of Texas. Sixty five Chabad Houses serve the Southern region providing educational and social service programs to their respective communities.

Resolutions made during the conference included: increasing Jewish educational programs for all ages; building new Lubavitch Centers; and implementing the Seven Universal Noahide Laws of mankind to all people.

Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff, regional director of Lubavitch in Texas and host of the convention, said, "We are inspired by the positive impact Chabad-Lubavitch is making throughout the entire South."

A major highlight of the convention was an evening in honor of the fortieth year of the Rebbe's leadership. The event which was attended by hundreds of local Houstonians was addressed by Rabbi Zalman Posner from Nashville, Tenn.

### Preschool and Dayschool

The past Hebrew month of Tevet marks the beginning of the destruction of the Temple. The Judaica program at the Lubavitch preschool which is led by Chanie Weiss featured a bulletin board on the ancient Temple. The board also displayed the Mitzvot stressed that month that when we do Mitzvot they will pave the way for the rebuilding of the Temple. To make this theme more realistic to the children we built a "Mitzvah Wall" out of unique "Mitzvah Bricks." When the children learned the Mitzvah, their very own personalized "Mitzvah Brick" was added to the wall.

Chanie said: "The Mitzvot we stressed were *Ahavat Yisrael* (loving your friend) and *Bikur Cholim* (visiting the sick). To bring an appreciation and sensitivity for the Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim the children took



*Delegation of Carolinas Lubavitch rabbis join other Southern delegates at conference in Houston, Texas.*



turns being both patient and visitor in our Bikur Cholim center. We made telephones to demonstrate another possible way of fulfilling this important Mitzvah."

Lubavitch dayschool students have been busy with stimulating learning projects, many of which involve field trips.

Susan Doobrow, kindergarten teacher, along with Michelle Hodges, first/second grade teacher, took their students on a tour of Uptown/ Downtown Charlotte. Beginning with Discovery Place and the new Public Library, the trip culminated at City Fair where the children ate a delicious Kosher lunch along side the many business people.

The first and second graders visit the Sharon Library twice a month, to return old books and take out new books. Michelle Hodges says, "These visits to the library have been very helpful in teaching the students how to use the library. The librarian has recognized our group as being the best one visiting the library."



*Susan Doobrow instructing students in creative arts.*

Our deepest condolence goes to Debbie Maslov and her family on the loss of her father, Dr. Walter Feldman. Debbie is the early child development teacher at Lubavitch preschool. May she and her family know of only happiness and joy.

#### **Purim Activities**

Chabad House, Charlotte

Rally for Children

Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m.

Party & Megillah

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Purim Service

Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.

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## B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Summer Programs

### Israel Summer Institute

About 400 Jewish teenagers aged 15 or older will participate in a 40-day Israel Summer Institute (ISI) sponsored by B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO). ISI which runs from the last week in June to the first week in August is open to BBYO members and non-members.

ISI is custom-designed to appeal to both general and specific interests. Everyone explores Jerusalem, the Galilee and all the sites of modern and Biblical Israel. They will also work the land on a collective settlement, enjoy home hospitality with Israeli peers, and choose from three elective programs: Archaeology, Great Outdoors or Sea to Sea programs.

### Summer Camps

International Kallah, June 27 to July 25, is held at B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Starlight, Pa. The Kallah is an intensive four-week Jewish studies program staffed by Jewish educators from across North America and Israel representing all views of Judaism. Jewish studies, culture and current issues are included in a camping atmosphere.

International Leadership Training Conference, with participants from North and South America, Europe, Israel and Australia, will run from July 25 to August 15 at Perlman Camp. It includes, experiences in Judaism, leadership development and creative arts programming.

Chapter Leadership Training Conference is held at B'nai B'rith Beber Camp in Mukwonago, Wisc., for two weeks.

For details on specific programs, contact BBYO, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; phone (202) 857-6633.



## Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women

by Estelle Goozner

Charlotte Chapter BBW held its Human Relations Luncheon in honor of Sally Schrader on February 7 at the Guest Quarters Hotel.

We support "Loaves and Fishes" and each guest brought a can of food. These donations were given in honor of Sally Schrader. For Sally, being a volunteer is a way of life. Her friends say a day is not complete for her unless she has helped an organization, institution, family or individual. She is a jewel in the crown of community leadership who deserves the highest recognition and praise.

Sally was coordinator for a Russian Resettlement program in Charlotte. She worked tirelessly to see that the immigrants were housed, were given English lessons, learned to drive, got jobs, etc. With Sally's guidance and tireless energy, these families settled into the community. She served two years as the first woman president of Temple Beth El V'Shalom. She is currently a member of the Board of the Mid Atlantic Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and works on many committees at the Temple.

Sally has served on the Federation Board for the past fifteen years. She is currently working on the Task Force on Substance Abuse and is working to establish a Bureau of Jewish Education in Charlotte.

Hoyle Martin, representing Mayor Sue Myrick, gave the Mayor's Proclamation which proclaimed February 7, 1990 as "Sally Schrader Day in Charlotte." Our keynote speaker was Walter Klein. Peggie Rovman presented Sally Schrader the Human Relations Award plaque for the year 1989-90. The invocation was given by Rabbi Israel Gerber and the Benediction by Richard Klein.

Past recipients present at the Human Relations Award Luncheon were Kathleen Crosby, Helen Fligel, Sol Jaffa, Walter Klein, Marilyn Maxson, Elizabeth Klein and Ellen Rhine.

Our nominating committee, Meryl

Elko, Joan Gordon, Shirley Fytleson, Bussie Goldberg and Paula Gentile brought in a new slate of officers for 1990-91, as follows:

Pres.-Abbe Bryon; Admin. V.P.-Paula Gentile; Fund Raising Committee-Peggie Rovman, Jody Pinion, Shirley Fytleson; Communications V.P.-Trish Tompkins; Recording Sec.-Lorrie Klemmons; Corres. Sec.-Mickey Waldman, Helen Rosenbaum; Treasurer-Shirley Fytleson; Financial Sec.-Eve Feldman; Counselor-Peggie Rovman.

## The Jewish Museum New York City

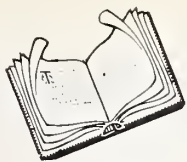
Opening March 11 through May 23 is the exhibit "War, Resistance and Politics: Dusseldorf Artists 1910-1945."

Drawn primarily from the permanent collection of the Stadtmuseum in Dusseldorf, this exhibition presents the work of artists who responded with striking visual commentary to their World War I frontline experiences and to the Weimar and Nazi periods in Germany. The 125 works on display include paintings, drawings and illustrations by 39 artists. With the exception of Max Ernst and Otto Dix, the artists represented are unknown to the general public in the United States.

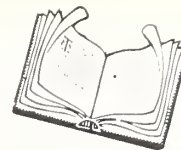
The aftermath of World War I is depicted with images related to the decline in social welfare: economic depression, hunger and disease. Works from the 1920s show the corruption of old values characterized by prostitution and a decadent cabaret life. The rise of fascism bred cynical, satirical works such as Otto Pankok's 1945 portfolio satirizing the military. The development of the Dusseldorf avant-garde is traced, focusing on the radical "Young Rheinland" group and the circle of artists around art dealer and patron Johanna ("Mutter") Ey.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028. It is open Sunday through Thursday. Call (212) 860-1888 for details.





# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### Mellow Bellow's *Bellarosa*: Play It Again, Saul

Once a Nobel Prize for Literature has been awarded the recipient becomes a Nobel laureate for life. However distinguished the writer may appear to be when the Swedish Academy proffers its accolades, most laureates experience subsequent declines and few of us remember who they are. It is, therefore, heartening to watch a laureate maintain into old age the same force and drive, the superb talent that brought him fame earlier.

In *The Bellarosa Connection* (Penguin Books, \$6.95, paperback only), Saul Bellow offers us convincing proof that he continues to be in complete control of his art and craft. Although just a novella, *The Bellarosa Connection* is jam-packed with Bellovian resonances. While the plot is new, the narrative recalls characters, situations and ideas from a half dozen earlier works, inviting comparisons that are pleasing to the reader's sensibilities. Additionally, the story is funny, tender and full of wisdom.

After Bellow's *Him With His Foot In His Mouth* (1984) appeared, I emphasized in a review of that collection of stories the extent to which Bellow had mellowed. That mellowing has continued, and this novella gives us a Bellow so good-natured that it is hard to identify him with the oftentimes besieged, sometimes contemptuous, frequently haughty Bellow of the middle years. Writers frequently write about redemption; rarely do they redeem themselves. Bellow has.

Told in the first person by a nameless narrator who is a relative of the novella's protagonists, Harry and Sorella Fonstein, *The Bellarosa Connection* concerns itself with Harry's decades-long futile effort to thank

the man who saved him from destruction in the Holocaust. The man is Billy Rose, the legendary Broadway producer, among whose off-Broadway productions, so to speak, was a temporary underground operation based in Italy and ostensibly run by Rose's Mafia friends to save European Jews from extermination in Hitler's death camps. Fonstein, a club-footed Polish Jew, in jail in Italy, is mysteriously brought into the network and sent to Cuba via Ellis Island.

Subsequently Fonstein marries Sorella, his employer's niece, comes to Philadelphia and makes a fortune by inventing a better thermostat. More than anything else, he wants to shake the hand of the man who saved his life. Billy Rose can't be bothered. If anyone ever believed that Billy Rose was anything but a jerk, despite his philanthropies and this Holocaust salvation lark—his pleasure was not in saving Jews but in outwitting Hitler—Bellow sets the record straight by making it clear what a low life Billy Rose really was.

After Harry's umpteenth rejection by Rose, Sorella goes into action. The climactic encounter between the diminutive, effete Rose and the 200 pound mannish tiger-wife is the most delightful episode in the book, but its outcome only proves an old tried and true Bellovian maxim that however much we must be our brother's keeper some of us, for whatever reason, don't cotton up to the idea. Rose doesn't want to acknowledge what appears to have been an act of *Menschlichkeit*. It happened, but in a world where everything is relative, it was just another random occurrence and as for gratitude, who needs it!

Other old Bellow hobby horses are also rocking away here: the conflict between fathers and sons; the fate of the Jews in the United States (the real test, whether the Jews can

escape total assimilation in Christian America, is yet to come); the refusal of the present to learn from the past; the callowness of youth; and the adversarial strength of women.

The adversarial strength of women, viewed negatively, seemed at times to dominate several of Bellow's major novels. *Herzog* and *Humboldt's Gift* are good examples. Combative women aimed their heavy artillery at those novels' protagonists. But the use is positive here. Sorella's anger and disdain is appropriately directed against the antagonist. When Bellow's novel *The Dean's December* (1982) appeared, I argued that Bellow's Thirty Years War with women was over. Here is more evidence of the end of that conflict. Bellow's narrator loves Sorella, all 200 pounds of her, detailing time and time again her remarkable qualities. In years past Bellow even excoriated slim women, but here, the fat lady gets to sing all she wants to and the novella is not over until she leaves center-stage.

Two other elements of the story deserve to be mentioned. The heavy philosophizing that marked Bellow's earlier work is attenuated here, and his allusions are primarily to art and literature. Shakespeare and George Herbert are invoked and there are frequent echoes of Yeats. He is mentioned by name, his memorable phrase "the mackerel-crowded seas" from "Sailing to Byzantium" is quoted, and the narrator's late non-Jewish wife is named Deirdre.

Yeats literally hovers above Bellow's narrative. The Yeats Bellow evokes is the elder poet, reflective and wise about life, resigned to the encroachments of old age but unwilling to capitulate, serene at times even about death. Like Yeats through his poems and plays, Bellow through his fiction erects his defenses against time, his narrator observing at one point that "I didn't want to talk

about Medicare or social security checks or hearing aids or pacemakers or bypass surgery." What Bel-low's narrator wants to talk about is not the diminution or depletion of life but its fullness. That seems to be the Nobel laureate's present tenor. That being so, I say, "Play it again, Saul."

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## **Jewish Marital Status A Hadassah Study**

**Edited by Carol Diamant**

**Jason Aronson Inc. 387 pp. \$30.00**

**Reviewed by Gail Green**

When delegates to Hadassah's 1986 National Convention pleaded for help in understanding the bewildering and rapidly changing demographics of American Jewish life, Hadassah's Education Department responded with the 1989 publication of *Jewish Marital Status*. The book is a compilation of forty-three previously published articles covering a broad spectrum of Jewish relationships today: single; not quite married; single again (widowed, abandoned, divorced); remarried; intermarried; gay or lesbian; and childless. Teachers, rabbis and sociologists are among the contributing authors.

Some segments, especially those dealing with single Jewish men and women who "seem to have lost the ability to relate," are not very encouraging. Do single Jewish women, facing the unhappy statistic that 20% will not marry Jewish men because of their unavailability feel themselves stereotyped as undesirable? Are today's Jewish men simply not good "husband material"? Is the feminist movement, according to an obviously traditionalist Jewish male, "a nearly unremitting source of 'tzuris' "?

Other segments offer a more hopeful picture. Inter-marriage, often

perceived to be the greatest threat to Jewish survival, may not be the act of final doom, after all. Alarmists can take some comfort in Egon Mayer's studies which show most conversionary marriages are "far more actively Jewish than mixed marriages, but are often more actively Jewish than families in which both spouses are Jewish by birth."

The book has been criticized for not including more statistical and sociological surveys such as Mayer's. While this may be a shortcoming to some readers, most will not feel deprived. The vast scope of topics presented and the varying viewpoints will more than offset the lack of scientific data. That scholarly articles are interspersed with very personal perspectives is, in fact, one of the strengths of the book. For example, Blu Greenberg's thorough discussion of Jewish divorce laws is followed by two very poignant accounts of the experiences of divorced Jewish women.

Hadassah, the Woman's Zionist Organization, is to be commended for publishing a book which focuses on so many concerns of American Jews. Thankfully, *Jewish Marital Status* does not offer moral judgments but a wide range of discourse and many shared experiences. How to encourage traditional Jewish values while dealing with the reality of the changing American Jewish family will be an ongoing challenge.

Carol Diamant, the editor of *Jewish Marital Status*, is director of Jewish Education at Hadassah. She is the first woman to have earned a Ph.D. in Jewish studies from Yeshiva University.

## **The Jews in America: Four Centuries of an Uneasy Encounter: A History**

**by Arthur Hertzberg**

**Simon and Schuster 428 pp. \$22.95**

**Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman**

This history of *The Jews in America*, beginning in 1654, claims that

although Jews have struggled to become as American as anyone else, they were long regarded as uniquely alien.

In his search of American history, the author describes the kinds of Jewish immigrants to the United States in several periods. Each wave of Jews tried to assimilate, while retaining parts of their tradition. In the 1960s, the situation changed. The United States finally "opened up" with the new pluralism resulting from the entry of groups of Hispanics, Asians and others who had not been noticeable in large numbers previously.

Jews in America acted then and since with newly found boldness, in support of Israel and speaking out for Jewish causes. The author believes that society is different now in America from what it had ever been, and he brings to mind James Madison, who envisioned an America of diverse factions.

This sounds all well and good, but what of a common link for Jewish identity now? If we have been truly emancipated, what will insure Jewish survival in America?

These are the questions raised in *The Jews in America*. Now that Jews are one of various small minorities which do not have to reckon with a large majority of white Protestants of western origin, wherein do they find their identity? We didn't wonder about identity formerly; it was self evident. A young generation which does not remember World War II or the Holocaust, or even the world without the State of Israel, seems to be adrift in a search for a place to cast anchor.

Can it be that all the causes which bound us together, albeit sometimes loosely in the past, have ended? After the history of over 300 years in the United States, the author recites some current statistics, including the rate of intermarriage. (He omits the number of converts to Judaism.) His valid concern is that we attain a measure of spirituality, a new meaning in life.

His opinion on the recent surge of



Fundamentalism in Judaism is that it will not be accepted by the majority. (See *Amythia*, by Loyal Rue, *Times Outlook*, September 1989.) The last paragraph of the last chapter, *The End of Immigrant Memory*, reminds us of Spinoza, who was asking questions of meaning in Amsterdam when the first Jews arrived in New Amsterdam. Though Spinoza questioned, he sent money for relief of stranded Jews who would struggle to remain Jews. "But that fight . . . is over." Three-and-a-half centuries later, the question remains. "It will be answered, if at all, not by politicians and bureaucrats, but by men and women who hear voices—even in America."

Arthur Hertzberg is a professor of religion at Dartmouth College, a senior research fellow at Columbia University's Mideast Institute and author of several books and articles.

## Sidrah Stories: A Torah Companion

by Steven M. Rosman

UAHC Press 185 pp. \$6.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The tales in *Sidrah Stories* are divided into five chapters relating to the five books of Torah. Each is tied to a portion of the week's Sidrah reading. The author suggests the stories be read or told to children between the ages of 9 and 12. His language is understandable to children, but some discussion with the listener is advised.

At the end of each story, there are comments and questions to guide the adult reader into such discussion. The questions raised are thought-encouraging, and these stories may well encourage both reader and listener to read the lore which is our heritage. They are based on the stories in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, all listed and numbered in the index of this delightful book.

## Marc Bloch: A Life in History

by Carole Fink

Cambridge University Press 346 pp. \$27.95

Carole Fink is professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She also wrote *The Genoa Conference: European Diplomacy, 1921-1922*, which was awarded the George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association. She also translated Marc Bloch's *Memoirs of War, 1914-1915*.

Her latest work, the biography, *Marc Bloch*, tells the life of that

French patriot. He was an old fashioned, intellectual historian, son of a Jewish family from Alsace, totally assimilated into French society. He had little awareness of his Jewishness; yet, the Nazi occupation of France in World War II led to his death.

The book is a detailed account of the man who was a soldier in both world wars and a leader of the Resistance against the Vichy government. Footnotes are extensive. It also contains interesting photographs.

## The Sacred and the Secular

I

In college biology  
life delineated  
into process and result,  
dead life sliced down  
to clumps of cells  
to view under microscopes,  
Darwin's legacy  
left me dry  
as an onion cell  
iodined and left  
uncovered, unprotected.

Mysteries under magnifying powers  
omniscient one-celled  
creatures  
skidded away  
from my searching eye,  
Creation telescoped  
down from celestial expanse  
to compacted  
terrestrial terrain.

Euglenas, zygotes, oodinium  
names spilled out  
into infinity,  
to name it,  
like Adam,  
was to understand it.

II

Botany, zoology  
spliced into semesters,  
eternity segmented into time,  
like the wriggling earthworm.  
Years later  
what remains  
are a few Latin phrases  
while human life conducts  
its own mitosis  
and I mutate  
from the child of my parents  
to the daughter of Sarah.

III

In botany we gathered  
leaves behind the shul  
deeply planted with cedars,  
birches, ginko, elm  
forested diversity  
among the southern pines.

Set apart, silent  
years later returning  
to its otherness,  
its voiceless sanctuary.  
Under the hemlock  
and the deodora cedar  
here was joy,  
a quiet and flowing  
dead sea  
drifting in the diaspora.

IV

Autumn by autumn  
leaves have turned,  
fallen, reds, yellows,  
crinkled browns,  
my tongue thickly forgetting  
the Latin phrases  
where my American  
English takes root.

Now in halting Hebrew  
I praise, as then  
in secular silence,  
the Creator of  
silver maple and starfish,  
cypress and crab,  
gentile and Jew,  
xylem and phloem,  
cell and sun,  
standing,  
sinews braided  
like a living Havdalah candle  
lighted by a flame.

Cynthia McVey Chapman

Ms. Chapman, a member of Temple Israel in Charlotte, is a recent convert to Judaism. She has a master's degree in English from UNC-Charlotte and enjoys writing poetry.



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## CELEBRATING THE 25TH YEAR MANY FAITHS JOINED HANDS

By May, 1967, when the dedication was held, the Home had been open for 19 months and residents had been enjoying a busy and active life. The Winston-Salem Sentinel of September 30, 1966, pictures residents and board members celebrating the holiday of Sukkot in the first Sukkah built on the grounds of the Jewish Home. In October of that year, approximately 75 people (residents and guests) were on hand for a party given in commemoration of the Home's first anniversary. In the Twin City Sentinel, November 9, 1966, Elbert Levy highlighted the first year saying the Home had received 33 residents and conducted a program of rehabilitation and recreation to add to their well being.

Max Markowitz of Greensboro, the first male resident to be admitted to the Home, was one of the first to attend the party. He proudly made his way (with the aid of crutches and a new leg) to



*Guests mingle at a community reception at the North Carolina Jewish Home, possibly the Dedication, May, 1967.*

the recreation room to join in this festive celebration. Rabbi Israel Sarasohn, speaking on the significance of the first anniversary, as stated in the Sentinel of November 9, 1966, emphasized the brotherhood of the many denominations represented.

Many faiths joined hands at the Jewish Home in that first

year. On Tuesday, February 22, 1966, Brotherhood Week was observed at the Jewish Home with guests of many denominations arriving for lunch and a program. The Twin City Sentinel of February 24, 1966, reported that 66 guests came from the Presbyterian and Catholic Homes in High Point, the Baptist

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*(Celebrating continued)*

Home in Winston-Salem, and the Methodist Home in Charlotte. Speakers for the program included Rabbi Rose of Temple Emanuel, Father Creel of our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, The Reverend Jerry Drayton, New Bethel Baptist Church, and The Reverend Kermit Taylor of First Christian Church, all of Winston-Salem. "We have gathered from different locations and different denominations but we have many interests in common — especially our focus today on the brotherhood of man," said Elbert Levy, Ex-Director, on that day, the beginning of a quarter of a century of joining hands at the Jewish Home.

*Above Right: Greensboro volunteers celebrate one year of sponsorship at the January birthday party. Seen from the left are Rhoda Fleisher, Sylvia Samet, Josie Swirin, Polly Strasser, Debbie Schandler, Sara Lee Saperstein, and Joan LeBauer.*

*Right: Enjoying the January birthday party are, from left to right, Henrietta Meltsner, a new BJH resident, and Irene Mendelson and Sarah Sherry, Fair Oaks residents.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### MARCH

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Gladys Poindexter  
Nellie Raff  
Rose Schulherr  
Anna Shapiro  
Mary Smith  
Naida Tyo  
Esther Wampler

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1 Tea with Moravian Home residents, Pre-Assembly Room, 2 p.m.
- 2 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 6 Homewide birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 9 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Eve of Purim, services, BJH synagogue, 9:15 a.m.  
Reading of the Story of Esther, services, BJH synagogue, 6:15 p.m.
- 11 Feast of Purim, services, BJH synagogue, 9:15 a.m.  
Brenner Concert featuring Robert Franz and Ann Listokin on the oboe and piano, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 13 Senior Citizens Lunch, leave for Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 20 Out to Lunch, leave for Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 25 Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.



# FAIR OAKS

## CELEBRATES ITS SECOND YEAR

Residents of Fair Oaks helped BJH celebrate Fair Oaks' second anniversary last month. Fair Oaks opened in February, 1988, with just a few eager residents ready to settle into their new home. Two years later, these charter residents now have lots of friends as the halls are filled with activity and the rooms are filled with individuals drawn to the lifestyle Fair Oaks offers. Almost at capacity, the 38 residents living at Fair Oaks have come from across the Carolinas as well as from as far away as New York and Florida.

Rose Schulherr and Ella Gunzberger (from New York) were the very first residents of Fair Oaks moving in on February 9, 1988. Ella says she likes Fair Oaks because, "It's religious and it's kosher and that is most important to me." Rose likes the staff and the beautiful library.

She says, "I read a book every week."

Leo Schwartz was the fourth resident to move into Fair Oaks on February 15, 1988. He says, "I liked its looks when I first saw it. It was beautiful. I came because, at 96, I'd rather be with people than alone. I came to a place where I could have a nurse or a doctor if I needed it and, at my age, I might need it."

Moe Mandel from Charlotte, who moved in February 18, 1988, says, "I came, I saw, and it conquered me. I'm still here. I saw Fair Oaks being built, the treatment my wife was receiving in the nursing home — it was exemplary — so I came here."

Anna Schleicher moved into Fair Oaks in April, 1988, after visiting her friend from Raleigh, Sarah Sherry, who had moved in earlier. Anna says, "It was beautiful, I liked it. I like the

Jewish aspect, I wouldn't like any place else. It's my home. It's a lazy life but it's easy."

Newer residents Hannah Ackerman and Irene Mendelson agree that Fair Oaks feels like home to them, too. Hannah, who moved in eight months ago from Chapel Hill, says, "I began to live when I came here. I stay busy. I participate in all the activities. I love it." Irene, who just arrived this December from Florida, says she came here to be closer to her children in Penland and Charlotte, North Carolina. She says, "I love to walk on these beautiful grounds, play bingo, enjoy the concerts, discussion groups and exercise."

To know more about the Fair Oaks lifestyle, come for a visit and a tour. Call 919-766-6401 and ask for Melinda Hartley or Sue Clein.



Left to right, Ella Gunzberger, Rose Schulherr, and Hannah Ackerman had a good time playing Bingo with volunteers from B'nai B'rith.



Left to right, Pearl Yachnin, Anna Shapiro, and Minna Kurtz enjoy the Fair Oaks life and new friends.

# BJH COUPLE CELEBRATES 68 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



*Adolph and Lily Marx.*

On November 27, 1989, Lily and Adolph Marx celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary and Mr. Marx's 99th birthday. They moved to BJH from New York City to be closer to their son, Walter, who now lives in Charlotte and to begin a new period in their life together. They began this new decade counting their blessings but never forgetting their past.

They met on a blind date in Munich, Germany, where they both grew up. Mr. Marx agreed to help out a friend and go on a double date with him to a Jewish social club dance. Lily was then 18 and "she was very interesting and very sweet," said Mr. Marx. Six months later he asked permission to marry her, but her parents required them to wait until she was 20.

Memories of the early years are good. Their son, Walter, was born in 1925. With the rise of the Nazi's, their lives drastically changed. In 1938, on Kristallnacht, at 3:30 in the morning, the doorbell rang and they came for

Mr. Marx. Marx was taken to Dachau outside of Munich. Mrs. Marx went to the Gestapo to try to seek his release. A veteran of World War I and wounded three times, Mr. Marx had received special commendations created by President Hindenburg. However, Hindenburg died before signing the commendations and the new President, Adolph Hitler, signed those remaining. Through Mrs. Marx's bravery and the commendation signed by Hitler, Mr. Marx was able to secure his release. Arrangements were made to leave Germany and, in 1939, they emigrated via Italy to the U.S. with only \$10 between them. They settled in New York and, in 1941, were reunited with their son, Walter, who had been sent earlier to England.

Adolph and Lily lost family and possessions but together made a new life for themselves in America. They have never replaced their wedding rings; though their fingers are bare, their hearts and minds are filled

## WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

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We mourn the loss of:

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Floyd Hauser  
Sophie Isley  
Bertha Johnson  
Ruth LaPan  
Olga Myers  
John Svoboda  
Percy Whetstone

May their cherished  
memories bring comfort  
to their loved ones.

with shared memories. "I gave myself a birthday present," said Mr. Marx speaking of his wedding day, November 27, 1921, a present they both have cherished for almost seven decades. Their marriage is a good one. "There is no secret," said Adolph Marx, "I always tried to do right."



# SUE's NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS WARM OUR HEARTS

Volunteers warm our hearts on even the coldest day. Frosty the snowman visited in December, but no one even felt a chill. These snow "men" were actually snow "women," members of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club. Entertaining and visiting with residents was the club's December program. In January, these girls brought prime-time TV into the Home. Bob Barker and The Price is Right provided an afternoon of fun and tested residents' shopping skills.

Spreading warmth in the Commons on Sunday, January 7th, were members of the State N.C. B'nai B'rith Association. Ken Stern, President, organized an event which included a meeting and lunch for the B'nai B'rith Board followed by a bingo game

for residents. State chapters sent gifts for bingo and door prizes, and representatives assisted with the game. Everyone was a winner, and residents enjoyed the gifts, the spirited banter of bingo caller Rich Gorberg of Raleigh, and, most of all, kibitzing with the volunteers. Volunteers came bearing gifts and took good feelings home with them.

The sun always shines when our Greensboro volunteers arrive for the monthly birthday party. Irene Schwartz of Greensboro entertained residents with a program of piano music guaranteed to brighten even a gray January day. Joan LeBauer joined the Greensboro volunteer corps as they began their second year warming our hearts as birthday party sponsors.



*Winners in many ways are seen clockwise from the top: Irene Schwartz, Greensboro volunteer, Sybil Kastel, Fair Oaks resident, Rich Gorberg, B'nai B'rith volunteer, and "snowmen" from the Anchor Club.*



*Left: Anna Lefkowitz receives a special hug from her granddaughter, Arlene Fonorow, a Greensboro volunteer at the February birthday party. Above: Charles Rosenfeld is happy to receive a carnation and spend some time with Greensboro volunteer, Laurie Strom.*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March:

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# BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein



# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **THE CANDLES' GLOW** brought warmth and joy into the Home during a cold December. Chanukah candle lighting and the Moravian Love Feast illuminated the spirit of brotherhood as staff, volunteers, and residents shared the holidays' events together.



*Bringing joy to holiday celebrations in December were — Above: students, teachers, and parents from Temple Emanuel Religious School in Winston-Salem and Right: Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Temple Emanuel, singing Chanukah songs and lighting the menorah. Below, right: Lucile Shaw, Fair Oaks Unit Manager, Shelby Porter, Recreation Therapist, and Skinner McGee, Social Worker, took on a new role for the Love Feast observance.*



- **SWINGING IN THE NEW YEAR** was the way residents celebrated 1990 at BJH. The Society Swing Band brought the big band sound of 20 musicians to the Commons Auditorium on January 1. Residents enjoyed requesting favorite numbers and watching the visiting ballroom dancers, Maurice & Pat Moser and Catherine & Bob Smith, from the Ballroom Dance Club of Winston-Salem.



- **TICKLING THE IVORIES** were the talented fingers of pianist Alan Kaufman on Sunday, January 28. Alan Kaufman, grandson of Fair Oaks resident, Irene Mendelson, is a composer and arranger for the Charlotte Symphony, and he delighted residents with the program he presented for this Sunday concert. On February 4, many fingers performed when the children's piano class of Ann Listokin played light classical music for the residents.

- **CLEMMONS COMMUNITY ART SHOW** included works exhibited by residents of BJH. Paintings by seven BJH artists were part of the more than 50 paintings on exhibit for three weeks in the Clemmons library. Works exhibited were created in the Craft Shop by Rose Halpern, Faye Moss, Esther Pearson, Jane Rosenberg, Mary Taylor, Ida Temko, and Naida Tyo.



*Right: Naida Tyo, BJH resident, is proud of her new talent developed in the Craft Shop.*

# What's Developing?

“You’ve Come a Long Way . . . ”

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

“You have come a long way . . .” In the past two and one-half years, you — our friends and donors — have been very generous in support of the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign. We have come a long way!

As of January 15, 1990, we have received pledges in the amount of \$5,322,653. Of this 5.3 million pledged, over 60% has been paid to the Home. Contributions to the Fair Oaks Campaign total \$3,305,587. You have been very generous!

“You’ve come a long way . . .”

We have a long way to go! With a goal of 8 million dollars for

the Campaign and with 5.3 million pledged, we still need 2.7 million dollars to put us over the goal — and to retire the debt on the new Fair Oaks facility.

Those of you who have helped us in the past are going to have to continue to help the Campaign. Those of you who have not, are being asked to come through with the very best pledge/gift you can give. The Home needs — and deserves — your support.

Listed below are the names of those who made contributions in October, November and December of 1989. There are

many new names on the list — many of you who have contributed to the Fair Oaks Campaign for the first time. To **everyone** who has contributed, **THANK YOU!**

If you have not yet made a pledge to the campaign, please fill in the pledge card information below and mail it to the Home. Fill in the form, mail it to us, and we will get in touch with you immediately.

Yes, we have a long way to go . . . But, with the help of our old friends and our new friends, we will make it!

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# The Dream Again

by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

In all of Jewish history, there have been no more than ten or so dates that will be remembered as long as there are Jews to remember things. Most generations of Jews have lived and have died without ever witnessing the decisive turns of Jewish history except through the clouds of memory. Yet, within the lifetime of our own generation, those clouds have parted not once, but twice, and we have seen the turning with our own eyes.

First was the Kingdom of Night, then was the rebirth of the Republic of Hope.

And now there is the Reunion, the great homecoming of hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union. Yesterday's trickle becomes today's flow, tomorrow's flood.

Through the tumultuous years of modern Israel's brief history there have been moments of pure vindication, moments when all complexity has disappeared and the elemental reason for a Jewish State has stood in stark and pure relief. The mass immigration in the late 1940s and early 1950s, from the displaced persons' camps of Europe and from North Africa; years later, *Operation Moses*, the rescue of Ethiopian Jews; now, *Operation Exodus*, perhaps as many as a million and a half Soviet Jews ingathered, welcomed.

For the Soviet Jews themselves, the new freedom means, at last, the chance to build a life far from the quickening curse of anti-Semitism.

For the Jews of Israel, the new freedom means the renewal of a dream that some had supposed was obsolete, the chance to refresh the authentic purposes of a Jewish national home.

And for us, for the Jews of North America, there is an essential role to play in the fulfillment of this new chapter of our people's dream. Two years ago, a quarter of a million of us gathered in Washington to speak for the freedom of our people. That freedom is now ours to enable.

But freedom is not free. To bring masses of Soviet Jews to Israel means to provide housing, schools, jobs, lest the invitation to a new life prove a cruel and bitter hoax, lest the reunion sour. Here are Jews, eager to come; here is a nation eager to receive them. But they cannot come and they will not, if there is nowhere for them to live, to learn, to work.

Plainly, it is our task to provide the resources that will translate the dream of freedom into the reality of reunion. As plainly, we want and mean to be more than passive financiers as that translation is written into our people's history. We want and mean to be partners with the Soviet Jews and partners with the Israelis, going beyond the raising of dollars and the signing of checks to helping ensure that every dollar that is spent is spent responsibly, efficiently, effectively.

It is unthinkable that the Jewish people will allow this glorious opportunity to shrivel, that we will allow ourselves to be remembered as the generation that had history in its grasp—and let go of it.

Nor is our shared opportunity limited to the wonders of reunion. The restoration of the early vision of Israel's purpose is inherently a restoration of a vision of peace as well. The people of Israel know that chronic violence and war not only inhibit immigration, but also exhaust the energies and the treasure of the nation, the energies and the treasure that must now be turned to the sacred task of absorption.

We call attention to the danger of seeking to use this new opportunity for political purposes. The homecoming of our people transcends politics—but politics can poison it. Soviet Jews are not “settlement-fodder,” nor ought *Operation Exodus* be a cover for the pursuit of ideological goals. The absorption of Soviet Jews must not become a pawn in the debate over a Greater Israel; if those who enter the partnership with enthusiasm are led to conclude that their efforts are being exploited by partisans of one view or another, their enthusiasm will surely wane.

Above all, we call on each and every American Jew in all our congregations throughout the land, working through our local federations, to join in this partnership in reunion, to lend hand and heart and pocket-book so that we may together enter history. For that is what is here at stake. Together, it has been given us to write a new chapter, to make possible a new beginning, to bring new life to our people and to our dream—the dream of freedom, of peace, of home.

In *this* book of life, it is we who must inscribe our names.

*Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of Union of American Hebrew Congregations.*



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## From the Editor

The calendar for April 1990 includes four important Hebrew dates: 14-22 Nisan (April 9-17) *Pesach*, Passover; 27 Nisan (April 22) *Yom Hashoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day; 4 Iyar (April 29) *Yom Hazikaron*, Israel Remembrance Day; 5 Iyar (April 30) *Yom Haatzmaut*, Israel Independence Day.

In this issue of the *Times Outlook*, we are featuring Pesach and Yom Hashoah. In May, we will devote a section to recent developments in Israel's 42nd year of Independence.

The themes of *destruction* and *redemption* are significant this month as we remember the plight of our ancestors in Egypt and of our brethren in the Holocaust. When we read the *Haggadah* this Pesach, we will not only recall the redemption of the Children of Israel from Egypt, we will also celebrate the present-day *Exodus* of Soviet Jews who are settling in Israel and America in large numbers. Each of us must pledge to support "Operation Exodus" in any way that we can.

Herman Blumenthal, Estelle Hoffman and I wish all of you and your families a joyous Pesach!

Ruth Goldberg

## Letter to the Editor:

I am currently producing a documentary about the American response to the Holocaust. This program will examine how the American media, American government and the American population responded to the information available on the destruction of European Jewry. If you participated in rescue attempts on any level, your story should be told. If you have a personal story you'd like to share on this subject or know someone I should speak to please contact me.

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# The Exodus — Then and Now

by Estelle Hoffman

## Soviet Jews

Information about Soviet Jewry is voluminous, from sources political and religious, from Jewish organizations and varied segments of public media in the U.S., Israel and elsewhere in the world. One need not be ignorant of history or politics to experience difficulty in digesting all of it. A few facts seem to coalesce and appear certain in an honest attempt to appraise the situation.

The excitement over Gorbachev's attempts to reform the Soviet system has been warranted, for they are the first glimmer of hope in 72 years. Allowing freedom of expression without severe punishment is laudable. As the initial euphoria in America begins to fade, we begin to see through the glow another kind of freedom. It is the opportunity for varied components in the U.S.S.R. to express fears and hatred of each other.

In William Safire's column in mid-February, he stated, "...even worse than organized state repression is unbridled hatred." He continued to state that Soviet Jews sense a disintegration of authority and a rising tide of ingrained anti-Semitism. Some Jews who welcomed the era of Glasnost and anticipated life unhindered by prejudice have become fearful and have opted to leave while the possibility exists.

Pamyat is only one of the obvious movements which threaten militant opposition to Jews and other minorities. Zionism is still a dirty word within Russia. Historically, Jews have fared ill during times of economic difficulty in their host countries, and the Russian economy is the greatest problem faced by the government of the U.S.S.R. today. They fear being assigned the role of scapegoat once more as they hear voices accusing them of disloyalty and appellations reminiscent of pogroms.

There is no tradition of democracy in Russia. As Gorbachev re-

quests additional power to control the mechanism of change, there is a question in some minds as to whether his reign will become another dictatorship.

The old Russian left wing fears loss of power. The new Russian right is disappointed with recent developments. Neither capitalism nor communism is the goal of any party. As corruption is exposed, there is enormous resentment of the masses towards the many who profited while they were exploited and cheated. Intellectuals now join groups with fascist sentiments. Walter Laqueur asks the question, "What if a leading Western intellectual were to express solidarity with the Ku Klux Klan or with Lyndon LaRouche? Would he not be considered beyond the pale?"

So it goes. Political journalists and observers who would be prophets strive to foresee the future of this volcanic change in Eastern Europe. All of us, trying to be optimistic, devour every word and opinion from those better informed than we. Nothing is certain.

Well aware of what happened to Jews since the late 19th century, it is clear that hoping for the best helps not at all. In the firm belief that the present conditions which permit the emigration of Jews from Eastern Europe must be seized without hesitation, our leaders have organized to evacuate all Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union. There is no risk in that determination; the alternative might prove disastrous.

In January a total of 4,713 Jews left the Soviet Union, of whom 4,585 arrived in Israel. In the year 1989, a total of 71,000 left the U.S.S.R.

Whatever their intended destination, they must be helped by world Jewry, in our most honorable tradition of rescuing those of us who were enslaved or captured. "Operation Exodus," the special campaign of UJA/Federation, will succeed with the support of everyone who cares.

## Pesach 5750

Passover this year is exciting, as we experience the largest *Exodus* since Moses led our people out of liberation. Estimates of the numbers of Jews who will leave the Soviet Union in 1990 vary widely, but the number will be large, and cause for celebration is great. At present it appears that all who wish to leave the U.S.S.R. will be granted permission. The resettlement of those who choose to make Aliya to Israel will be influential on the society, with benefit from the varied skills and professions they will contribute.

Let us observe Passover from the first Seder on April 9 to the final day on the 17th with exultant gratitude for our good fortune to live in a time of history that is joyful.

**At the seder**, we drink four cups of wine for the following expression of freedom declared to the Jewish People when we were slaves in Egypt.

"I will **bring you out** from under the burdens of Egypt and I will **deliver you** out of their bondage and I will **redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great judgments; and I will **take you** to me for a people ... and I will **bring you** in to the Land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (Exodus 6:6-8)

Tonight, when we drink the four cups, let us dedicate our thoughts to Soviet Jews.

Our work will not cease until you are **brought out** from under the oppressive thumb of Soviet harassment.

Our hearts and our hands stretch out across the ocean in untiring efforts to **redeem you**.

We pray that our labor will **take you** from repression to liberty.

We anxiously await the day when the expression of freedom will be fulfilled— When the Jews of the Soviet Union are **brought** into the Land of our ancestors.





To those of us responsible for the week's menus, we offer some recipes that will, we hope, add to your families' enjoyment.

From *Kosher Cuisine* by Helen Nash, reviewed in this issue of *Times Outlook*:

#### Jeanette Schapiro's Passover Sponge Cake

Unsalted margarine

9 eggs

Scant 1-1/2 cups sugar

Rind and juice of 1 large ripe lemon, about

1/4 cup, strained, room temperature

3/4 cup cake meal and 3 Tbsp. potato starch sifted together

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease funnel part of a 10 x 4 inch tube pan with margarine.

Beat eggs in an electric mixer at high speed for 6 minutes. Gradually add sugar and continue beating for 5 minutes. Lower speed a little, slowly pour in lemon juice combined with lemon rind and beat for another 5 minutes. Slowly add cake meal and potato starch and beat for another 5 minutes. (The entire beating time is about 20 minutes.)

Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake in center of oven for 50 to 60 minutes. Test with a cake tester in the center; it should come out dry. Turn cake upside down onto a cookie rack to cool completely. Loosen sides with a knife before unmolding.

Note: A 10 inch tube pan is suggested. If the funnel part extends over the top of the mold, do not be afraid to stand the cake upside down. It will not topple.

#### Mock Egg Noddles

(Helen Nash's comment): I once attended a Chinese cooking class taught by Florence Lin. She made these mock noodles as a garnish for a stir-fried dish. I immediately thought of Passover and chicken soup. Thin egg crepes are cut into narrow strips to resemble noodles and are served in piping-hot chicken soup, garnished with snipped dill. They can be made a day ahead of time.

2 eggs

Kosher salt

Vegetable oil

I suggest you use a 7-inch nonstick skillet.

Beat eggs with a fork until well blended. Season with salt to taste. Grease a skillet lightly with oil and heat until hot. Wipe off excess oil with a paper towel. Lift hot skillet and pour in just enough egg to coat bottom by swirling it around. (The pan should be hot enough so that the eggs stick to it right away.) At once, tilt skillet over bowl of eggs and pour back any excess egg, no matter how little. (It is important to make the crepes as thin as possible.) Cook until pale, turn over and continue cooking briefly. Remove to plate. Repeat in the same fashion with the rest of the egg. When cool, pile crepes one on top of the other and cut into thin noodlelike strips.

#### Shredded Zucchini

5 medium firm, unblemished zucchini

2 tsp. Kosher salt

1 to 2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. unsalted margarine

Black pepper, freshly ground

Scrub zucchini with a vegetable brush and pat dry with paper towels. Trim ends and cut into pieces to fit into the feed tube of a food processor. Shred zucchini with the coarse shredding attachment. Empty zucchini into a sieve, sprinkle lightly with salt, mix and let drain for 30 minutes. Wring out batches of zucchini in a dish towel.

In a skillet, heat olive oil and margarine until hot. Saute zucchini over high heat, stirring with wooden spoon, until zucchini is very hot but still crisp, a few minutes only. Season.

Zucchini can be shredded earlier in the day, wrapped in a dish towel and refrigerated until ready to be sauteed.

#### Baked Red Snapper with Potatoes and Onions

One 1-1/2 lb. red snapper, inside bone removed, head and tail left on

Juice of 1/2 lemon, strained

Kosher salt

Black pepper, freshly ground

1/2 bunch Italian flat-leaf parsley

1/2 cup olive oil

1 medium onion, sliced very thin

2 medium baking potatoes, sliced very thin

1 clove garlic, minced fine

1/4 cup dry white wine

1 ripe tomato, sliced thin

Preheat oven to 450°. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Sprinkle inside and outside with lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Remove bottom half of parsley stems; wash the rest, spin dry and chop coarsely. Heat 2 Tbsp. of the olive oil in a skillet until hot and saute onion over low heat until soft and transparent. Remove onion to an ovenproof

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dish. Add 3 more Tbsp. of the olive oil to the skillet, add potatoes, and saute for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon.

Add potatoes to onion in dish, spreading evenly, and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Place fish on top of potatoes and onions. Mix parsley and garlic and place half the mixture inside the fish and the rest on top. Dribble remaining olive oil and wine over fish and top with sliced tomatoes.

Bake in upper third of oven for about 20 minutes, or until fish is opaque. Baste occasionally and loosen any of the browned potatoes that may be sticking to the pan, turning to allow the rest to brown as well.

Note: You can slice onion and potatoes in a food processor fitted with the slicing attachment. Make sure, however, that they come out very thin, or they will take longer to cook than the fish.

## Kosher Cuisine: Gourmet Recipes for the Modern Home

by Helen Nash

Shapolsky Books 319 pp. \$12.95

*Kosher Cuisine* proves that Kosher food can be as varied, light, elegant and exciting as one wishes to make it. 250 delicious and inspired recipes contained in this book, the first cookbook of its kind, will open whole new worlds of cooking to all who are interested in being innovative while observing the dietary laws. Many of today's finest gourmet recipes are featured, including those of classic French, Italian and Chinese that are adapted to conform with Kosher practices.

Much besides recipes is contained in *Kosher Cuisine*. There is a detailed explanation of the meaning of "Kosher." There is a list of uncommon ingredients with descriptions and advice on their purchase. There are sections on *Methods* and *Kitchen Equipment*, both extremely important to anyone who is to become a truly good cook, and there are invaluable *Helpful Hints*.

Preceding most of her recipes, the author comments about the dish and she gives practical suggestions about which implements to use. It is an excellent book for both young cooks and those who are experienced.

Helen Nash was born in a traditional Jewish home in Poland. She was a young bride in the U.S. She lives in New York City, lectures, gives demonstrations and has a Kosher gourmet radio program.

The recipes in this issue of the *Times Outlook* are found in *Kosher Cuisine*, but do not include her comments introductory to each recipe.



### Manischewitz Cholesterol Free Muffin Mixes

Manischewitz is pleased to announce it has developed a new **Cholesterol Free Recipe** for use with all varieties of its Passover Muffin Mixes - Plain, Blueberry and Apple Cinnamon. Since the recipe directions are too new to be on the packaging, please be sure to clip out the following instructions for tasty, cholesterol free muffins:

#### Cholesterol Free Muffin Recipe

1 pkg. Manischewitz Passover Muffin Mix, Blueberry Muffin Mix or Apple Cinnamon Muffin Mix  
2 egg whites  
1 cup water

Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease medium size muffin cups. Beat 2 egg whites in mixing bowl until fluffy; add 1 cup water and beat again. Add contents of package into mixing bowl and blend thoroughly with a fork. Allow mixture to stand for 10 minutes; then mix again. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full and bake at 425°F for 20-22 minutes or until golden brown. For easy release of muffins, turn muffins out of the pan while hot.

Yield: approximately 12 medium size muffins.

When The B. Manischewitz Company first introduced a Kosher for Passover Muffin Mix, it was a breakthrough breakfast treat for the holiday. Since so many consumers wrote about how much they enjoyed the Manischewitz Passover Muffin Mix, the Company went on to develop a Blueberry Muffin Mix and its latest addition, Apple Cinnamon Muffin Mix.

Although Manischewitz Passover Muffin Mixes are only available for the Passover holiday, you can enjoy these cholesterol free muffins year round by purchasing the quantity you desire when doing your holiday shopping. Manischewitz Passover Muffin Mixes, if stored in a cool, dry place, can be used throughout the year. Just remember to save the above directions since they are not presently on the packaging.

## Simple Prayer

Lord our God  
King of the universe  
You who created the world  
create in us  
a world for Your devotion.

Like the many-throated  
bird songs  
let our hearts sing  
natural symphonies of praise.

As the bee hums  
working through the world,  
let our daily tasks  
pollinate the world  
with Your presence.

Give us strength  
rising like the cedar  
to praise you,  
pliability like growing grain  
to bend without breaking  
when life-storms rage.

Wash our spirits  
with continual renewal  
till we taste  
the salty brine  
of Your mystery.

Reveal to us  
the unseen, the unspoken,  
where eyes and ears fail—  
Your world beyond the horizon,  
Your power behind the stars.  
Let us remember  
to sing, to live, to praise.

Cynthia McVey Chapman



# Yom Hashoah 5750

## In Remembrance of Anne Frank (1929-1945)

by Ruth Goldberg

How does a person comprehend the Holocaust—the senseless extermination of 6 million Jews and 5 million other people? Those are numbers. We've seen large crowds of people gathered at rallies—perhaps there were 50 or 100,000. But 11 million?

I remember being overcome with grief when I visited Yad Vashem many years ago. At that Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem we could see piles of shoes from a concentration camp, or photos of ravaged bodies lying in a mass grave, or read lists of names of the camps with their statistics. Yet it is always the story of *one* person that grips the imagination.

For me, that person is Anne Frank who used to live in Amsterdam.

When we toured in Amsterdam recently, we learned that there had been 140,000 Jews there before World War II. Most of this thriving Jewish community had been destroyed by the Nazis. 107,000 of its people died in concentration camps, including Anne Frank, her mother and sister; her father, Otto Frank, survived.

In 1940 Otto Frank established his wholesale business in herbs and spices in a house at 263 Prinsengracht. By the second year of the German occupation it was clear that Jews would inevitably be deported unless they found a place to hide. Otto Frank managed to do so, thanks to the help of his former employees.

In the first months of 1942 a hiding place was created in the empty Annex for his family and that of Mr. Van Daan, who had had connections with Mr. Frank's business. The building that has become known as "Anne Frank's Annex" consists of the two upper floors and the attic of the Annex. The entrance to the hiding place was hidden behind a hinged bookcase. Since the supply of herbs for the house in front had to be stored in the dark, the windows at



Monument of Anne Frank a few doors from her house.

the back were blacked out and painted over. In this way the Annex was hidden from view. This also lessened the risk of the hideaway's being discovered. Anne Frank has described in inimitable fashion in her Diary what life in the Annex was like for 25 long months.

After the discovery and deportation of its occupants, the Annex stood empty for a long time, but when in 1957 there was talk of demolishing it, a number of prominent citizens of Amsterdam established the Anne Frank Foundation in order to preserve the house. That year, with the overwhelming support of the people of Amsterdam and many others, the house on the Prinsengracht became the "Anne Frank House."

When we entered the House, we walked up the steep narrow staircase, then went around the bookcase that hid the entrance to the small apartment. We saw where and how the Franks and two other families lived in hiding for over two years. It was in the bedroom which

Anne used that I was struck with the fact that Anne would have been about my age, had she lived. Anne's walls were decorated with magazine photos and cards of movie stars and famous people who were also my teenage idols, such as Shirley Temple, Princess (now Queen) Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

As we stood in Anne's room, we heard the clock bells toll from the Westerkerk, the church down the street, which Anne heard and referred to in the *Diary*.

After leaving the attic hiding place, we went into the museum section of the house and read excerpts of Anne's *Diary* that were displayed, along with the history of the war years. We were touched once more with the tragedy of *one* girl, *one* family and friends, *one* Jewish community that fell victim to Hitler's madness.



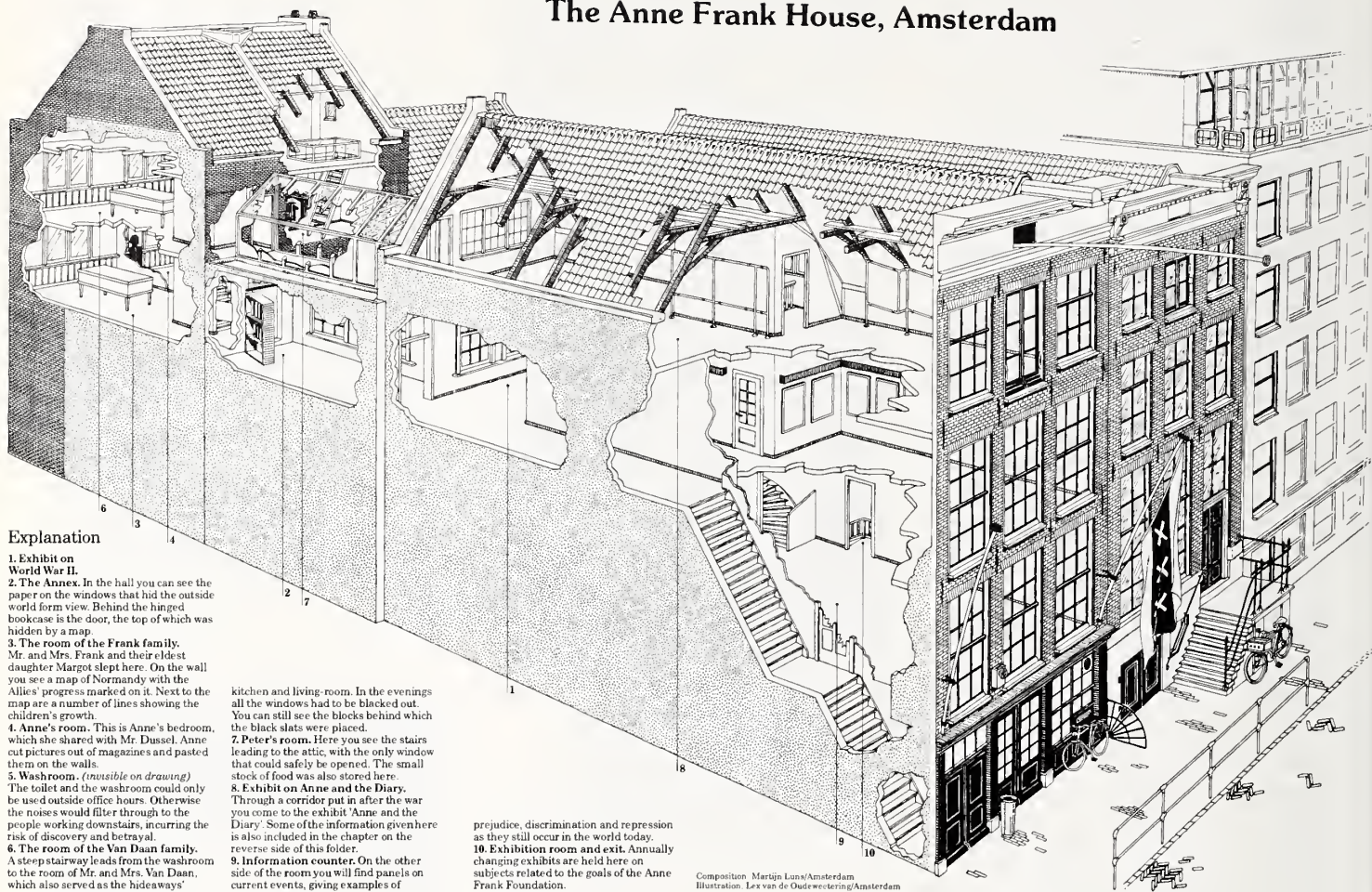
View of Westerkerk clock tower from Anne Frank House.



The attic of Anne Frank House.



## The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam



### Explanation

1. Exhibit on World War II.
2. The Annex. In the hall you can see the paper on the windows that hid the outside world from view. Behind the hinged bookcase is the door, the top of which was hidden by a map.
3. The room of the Frank family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank and their eldest daughter Margot slept here. On the wall you see a map of Normandy with the Allies' progress marked on it. Next to the map are a number of lines showing the children's growth.
4. Anne's room. This is Anne's bedroom, which she shared with Mr. Dussel. Anne cut pictures out of magazines and pasted them on the walls.
5. Washroom. (invisible on drawing) The toilet and the washroom could only be used outside office hours. Otherwise the noises would filter through to the people working downstairs, incurring the risk of discovery and betrayal.
6. The room of the Van Daan family. A steep stairway leads from the washroom to the room of Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan, which also served as the hideaways.

kitchen and living room. In the evenings all the windows had to be blacked out. You can still see the blocks behind which the black slats were placed.

7. Peter's room. Here you see the stairs leading to the attic, with the only window that could safely be opened. The small stock of food was also stored here.

8. Exhibit on Anne and the Diary. Through a corridor put in after the war you come to the exhibit 'Anne and the Diary'. Some of the information given here is also included in the chapter on the reverse side of this folder.

9. Information counter. On the other side of the room you will find panels on current events, giving examples of

prejudice, discrimination and repression as they still occur in the world today.

10. Exhibition room and exit. Annually changing exhibits are held here on subjects related to the goals of the Anne Frank Foundation.

Composition: Marijn Luns/Amsterdam  
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Anne's last entry in the *Diary* was made on August 1, 1944. The "Grüne Polizei" raided the "Secret Annex" on August 4. Anne died in the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen in March 1945, two months before the liberation of Holland. She was only 15 years old. She never had the chance to go to high school or college, get married and have children, have a career, write great books for the world to enjoy. Anne Frank touched my heart. I will never forget her, and through her, the six million.

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## The Diary of Anne Frank: The Critical Edition

Prepared by The Netherlands State  
Institute for War Documentation  
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Doubleday 719 pp. \$30.00

"I want to live on, even after death," wrote 14-year-old Anne Frank in April, 1944. In August, she and her family would be arrested by the Nazis; Anne would be buried in a mass grave along with her sister less than a year later.

On June 12, 1989 Anne Frank would have celebrated her 60th birthday. To commemorate this anniversary, Doubleday published *The Diary of Anne Frank: The Critical Edition*, which contains three versions of the diary: Anne's original diary; the version she herself edited;

and her father's edited version, which is the classic as we know it today. The first two editions have never before appeared in English.

*The Critical Edition* also contains documented proof of the diary's authenticity, including handwriting samples and paper analyses. Prefacing the three versions of the diary is a collection of critical essays containing biographical information about the Franks, along with detailed reports on the family's arrest and speculation about the identity of the individual who finally betrayed them. The volume also features 100 black and white photographs.

The most exhaustive study of the diary in existence, *The Critical Edition* is a tribute to Anne Frank's historical significance and an answer to her wish that she would live on forever.



## Elie Wiesel Visits Charlotte

by Estelle Hoffman

The special presentation of Elie Wiesel on March 14 was a shared endeavor of the First Presbyterian Church, which sponsors The Uptown Forum, and Temple Israel of Charlotte. As the sanctuary of the church filled, the excitement of anticipation grew.

In introducing Elie Wiesel, Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel paraphrased the psalmist's words, "How good it is for people to come together in understanding." He acclaimed Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel by saying that what God gives to him, He gives him to be a blessing to humanity. A blessing he is, with his softly spoken wisdom that touched the understanding of the rapt audience of Christians and Jews.

Elie Wiesel praised the Charlotte community for coming together to help both Jews and Christians to overcome obstacles and even catastrophe. This should be done, in *Building a Moral Society* (the subject of his talk), without claim of superiority from either faith.

Because he is a Biblical scholar, he cast light on important teachings of the Bible. He referred to God's creation of "the first society, which didn't fare well," with Cain's murder of his brother, Abel. The story illustrates that it is possible for men to be brothers and yet kill one another. That, he said, is the story of society. "Whoever kills, kills his brother."

Progressing to Noah with unusual commentary on the story of the flood, he stressed that God promised in his covenant with Noah, "Never again will I destroy the world," but *you* may. (Are we in the process of doing that?) The deduction is that *we are all responsible*, and in a moral society, the key is *responsibility*, a demand of moral society. We are all responsible, and each one must add to that, "*I*, more so."

In a moral society everyone is free. In an evil society, all are imprisoned. Fanaticism is the law of the



Elie Wiesel

land, and language is corrupted. Everyone knows it is false, but people use it, changing the language until, in time, it is accepted and the false words imprison all, the ruler as well as the ruled.

Having visited Eastern Europe repeatedly, he gave his view of that society, "being ripped apart, in order to be reshaped." After a visit to the USSR in 1965, he wrote *The Jews of Silence*, and he expressed his astonishment at what has occurred there.

In the beginning, he reminded us, it was young Jewish students who defied the KGB in a non-violent revolution. One after another dared to be free, and now the prison no longer exists. The same is true in other countries of the area. "I almost feel sorry for the jailers," said Elie Wiesel. "They must feel like idiots." His talk was frequently touched with humor.

Although he trusts Gorbachev, he fears that leader's position is not solid, for if he cannot improve the economy, he will be ousted. Therefore, he believes that we must help, for their sake as well as ours, because we are responsible. Wiesel believes the condition is different in the Soviet Union from that of the rest of Eastern Europe, where he deems the change irreversible.

In South Africa, Elie Wiesel said he felt ashamed of being white.

Even there, he feels things are moving, and there too, we are responsible.

He warned that one mistake by anyone may be the final mistake.

He said wistfully that he still wants Israel to be a place that is a symbol of humanity. "Israel is suffering and is inflicting suffering," he said, "but even there, events are moving."

His feeling about Germany, standing on the threshold of reunification and its potentially leading role in Europe, is less fear than disappointment. He laments the omission of conscientious actions by the government of West Germany to make contributions to education that would insure remembrance of the horror that issued from its evil society, a society which was the great example of the result of initial indifference.

Elie Wiesel left his listeners with this thought: "In a moral society, *indifference* is a cardinal sin. The opposite of life is not death; it is *indifference*. The opposite of love is not hate; it is *indifference*. The opposite of art is not ugliness; it is *indifference*. The opposite of faith is not atheism; it is *indifference*. . . Whatever we (can) do, we must do, in order not to be *indifferent*."

As Rabbi Wilson suggested in his introduction, Elie Wiesel has survived in order to teach, and in his teaching he has become a hero. "The hero is one who has kindled a great light in the world." All who read or hear the prophetic words of Elie Wiesel are enlightened and inspired to build a moral society.



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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## **Remembering Yom Hashoah** by Runia Vogelhut

The 1990 *Annual Days of Remembrance* will be observed from Sunday April 22 through Sunday April 29.

The **State of North Carolina Holocaust Commemoration** will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 4 p.m. in the Raleigh Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jan Karski.

Dr. Jan Karski is professor of government and international affairs at Georgetown University and the U.S. Pentagon.

During World War II, Dr. Karski was involved in secret diplomacy as a Polish underground courier with British Foreign Minister Sir Anthony Eden and President Franklin Roosevelt. Dr. Karski gave both allied leaders eyewitness accounts of the extermination of Jews in Poland.

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust encourages you to attend the Yom Hashoah Commemoration.

## **Holocaust Rescuer Speaks** **April 21 in Durham, N.C.**

by Rose Shalom

Simone Lipman, one of the workers who rescued 3,000 Jewish children in Nazi occupied France from destruction in the gas chambers, will speak of her experiences at Beth El Congregation, 1004 Watts St., Durham, N.C. on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m.

She worked with OSE, a Jewish Child Welfare Agency. OSE took children from Jewish internment camps in France between November 1941 and November 1942 in, then, Vichy occupied France and placed them under their care in children's homes. When deportations started from the Jewish internment camps to the gas chambers, these children were spared the deportation.

At first the release of the children was worked out by legal means, but when these failed, rescuers helped the children escape illegally. Other children were entrusted to OSE by parents who were at risk for deportation. When the children's homes became easy targets for the Germans, the children had to be dispersed.

Mrs. Lipman, with her fellow OSE workers, organized escape routes for these children into Spain and Switzerland. With the help of the French Resistance and other French agencies, an underground network was created. OSE's work was guided by two principles: dispersing these Jewish children in non-Jewish surroundings where none knew them, and providing each child with an assumed "Aryan" identity.

All of this activity would have been impossible without the cooperation of many non-Jewish French people who risked their lives in both providing false identities for these children and hiding them in their midst. It is this heroism and humanity demonstrated by the OSE workers and their non-Jewish French helpers that shows how even under times of war, famine and threat of death, people can choose to resist murderous decrees and act like human beings.

Her presentation will be part of the Durham-Chapel Hill Yom Hashoah Commemorative Service, honoring the memory of the six million Jews and the righteous Gentiles who were exterminated during the Holocaust. At the end of the service those who choose will have the opportunity to paint a tile for the Wall of Remembrance to be a part of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. This service will be sponsored by Generation to Generation, a group of the sons and daughters of Holocaust survivors, and the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation.

For further information, contact Sharon Halperin, (919) 933-9089, or Mrs. Simone Lipman, 489-6589.

Also, as part of Holocaust Remembrance Week, "An Evening with Madame F" will be playing on April 28 at 8 p.m. at Reynolds Theatre, Duke University. This one-woman program features Claudia Stevens playing Fania Fenelon's poignant account of her participation in the women's orchestra at Birkenau Concentration Camp in 1944. For further information on "An Evening with Madame F," please contact Sharon Halperin (919) 933-9089.

## **Hadassah Spring** **Conference April 29-30,** **Durham, N.C.**

by Johanna Lurie

Ruth G. Cole, National Jewish Education Chairman of Hadassah, will provide a "behind-the-headlines" look at Israel today during the 1990 One Day Spring Conference of Hadassah's Southern Seaboard Region.

The event entitled "Challenges of the 90's—Can I Do It All?" will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 29, 1990 at the Marriott, Research Triangle Park in Durham, North Carolina according to Mrs. Jackie Woodland of Raleigh, N.C., president of the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah. Co-chairmen for the event are Mrs. Amy Krumbein and Mrs. Joan Ruby, both of Richmond, Va. Also planned is a Post Conference Education Seminar to be held Sunday evening, April 29, and Monday morning April 30.

"We know the Israel behind the daily headlines of conflict and crisis." Mrs. Woodland noted, "Hadassah literally touches the lives of thousands of our people there every day. And what we see is a vital people overcoming enormous obstacles to build a strong and secure nation founded on justice and peace."

"We think it is important that all American Jews—and the American public—also come to know the Israel of human aspirations and achievements that we do," she added.

The Southern Seaboard Regional conference will highlight in the morning session a Presidents' Breakfast, election of Hadassah's Southern Seaboard Regional Board and a panel discussion entitled "Revolving Door Life Style—Questions and Answers" featuring career women of the region. The afternoon session will feature an awards luncheon, installation of officers, simultaneous workshops on membership, fundraising, programming and education.

For additional information about the conference, please contact the president of your local chapter.

## Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Diane Schwartz

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah's next program and general meeting will be held on April 18, 10 a.m. at Shalom Park.

The program, "Breast Cancer Research: Our Heritage To Our Daughters and Granddaughters," will be presented by Rose Naiman. Mrs. Naiman is a R.N., epidemiologist and a medical researcher. Members are invited to bring guests.

If planning to attend, please call Diane Schwartz at 543-0221.

## Hadassah Raleigh, N.C.

by Johanna Lurie

Robert Scott, president of the North Carolina Community College System and former governor of the State, was the featured speaker at Hadassah's annual Donor Brunch on March 4 at the Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh.

Mr. Scott spoke about the role of community colleges in economic development. The state's Community College System now has 58 institutions and serves 600,000 students

annually, making it the third largest system in the United States after Texas and California.

Guests were feted to a morning of dazzling and different jewelry by six local jewelry makers and stores. Modeled by Hadassah members during the brunch, jewelry was available for sale with 10% of the proceeds going to Hadassah. Jewelry shown ranged from traditional gold to one of a kind contemporary designs. Jewelers included R. H. Creations, Liz Wolfe Jewelry, D. Patrick Design Studio, Jolly's Jewelers, Schatztruhe and Emily Parker.

Money raised at our Donor Brunch was sent to a scholarship fund for the Hadassah Institute of Technology (H.I.T.). H.I.T. was founded in 1970 and offers courses of study—Computer Science, Electro-Optics, Printing and Graphics, Scientific and Technical Photography, Dental and X-Ray Technology, Medical and Scientific Technology and Ecology, and a new course to begin this year, Hotel Management—which can be immediately applied to Israeli industrial needs.

## Hadassah to Aid Soviet Newcomers to Israel

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, announced that it has allocated \$1 million for new and expanded programs to aid in the absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel.

This unprecedented action taken by Hadassah's National Board at its Mid-Winter meetings will provide a comprehensive array of programs in career counseling, vocational and professional retraining and employment and educational opportunities for Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

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## Charlotte Jewish Historical Society Seeks Materials

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society (the newly named entity reflecting its expanded scope, formerly the Charlotte Jewish Archives) is now actively soliciting materials from Charlotte's Jewish past. The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a committee of CAJE (Carolina Agency for Jewish Education), is calling for the community's old photographs, movies, scrapbooks or articles.

Lenora Stein, the CAJE professional overseeing the Archives, noted that much of Charlotte's history literally went up in smoke when the old JCC/Amity Club was destroyed in a fire in 1983, "But I feel certain there is still a lot out there in family attics or shoe boxes. We want people to start looking again at those old pictures and news clippings that will help us build an important set of archives to share with future generations."

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society was formally created in 1988 under the original name Charlotte Jewish Archives, and began two of several scheduled video projects. It is in the process of continuing video interviews with longstanding community citizens. A production about the Hebrew Cemetery is being edited for release this spring.

Other new projects will include a nationally syndicated newspaper column entitled "Roots and Branches" appearing regularly in *The Charlotte Jewish News*, about Jewish genealogy; a video about the founding of Shalom Park; a video tracing the roots of Temples Israel and Beth El V'Shalom, and a continuation of the video interviews.

People having articles and materials to provide the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society should call Lenora Stein at 366-1948 on weekdays. She can arrange for an Historical Society committee person to make an appointment to talk with the donor about the contribution and how it will be used or displayed.



Richard A. Klein, a Charlotte native, is the chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society.

## **Hillel Spring Semester**

**by Lauren Stone**

The spring semester has brought many fabulous programs to Hillel. Listed below are some of our highlights:

We began the semester with the AIPAC Southeast Political Leadership Training Seminar which we cosponsored with AIPAC. Two hundred and fifty students from 25 different southeast colleges participated. The Seminar took place at Duke University. Students at Duke and UNC served as hosts and were the key participants in planning the program. We help many organizing meetings and brought in speakers and videos to educate the students on Israel to lay the groundwork for the Seminar's agenda. On Saturday night, prior to the Conference, there was a semi-formal reception for all the participants.

Keynote speaker: David Gillete from the National AIPAC office: "Activism in the '90s."

Congressman David Price spoke at lunch on "The Dynamics of U.S.-Israel Relations: A Congressional Perspective."

We were thrilled by the event and are currently starting Israel Awareness groups on each campus.

Hillel held a joint UNC/Duke Shabbat Tu b'Shevat Seder using the Jewish National Fund's Haggadahs. Everyone had a great time learning about the festival in an exciting way. Rabbi Fischer led the Seder and answered many questions concerning Tu b'Shevat. Following dinner, we sat around singing Jewish songs. The evening was a huge success.

Our Scholar-in-Residence this semester was Professor Shaul Mishal, senior lecturer in the Dept. of Political Science at Tel Aviv University. He spent the week with us, speaking at Duke, UNC, Greensboro and N.C. State. His topics included "Society and Politics in Is-

rael," "The Intifada" and "Protest Movements in Israel." We were fortunate to have him. This program was made possible in part through a generous contribution from the Blumenthal Foundation of Charlotte.

Dr. Susannah Heschel also came to North Carolina this semester. She is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Heschel lectured at Duke on "A Feminist Critique of Judaism" and at UNC on "Jewish Views of Jesus and Christianity." Both lectures were very well received.

Rabbi Marc Wilson from Temple Israel in Charlotte spoke at the Hillel House in Chapel Hill on "Odd Jewish Encounters in the Bible Belt." Before his talk he invited all the area students from his congregation to have a deli dinner with him at the Hillel House. The students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to talk with Rabbi Wilson.

Both campuses are in the process of conducting student UJA campaigns. We have fundraising as well as educational events on each campus. For our fundraiser we organize a phone-a-thon where we have students call the students on the Hillel mailing list and ask for a pledge. For the educational program, UNC had a "Penny for your Thoughts" table in the middle of campus. We passed out brochures on oppressed Jewry throughout the world and asked people to put pennies into a jar, each penny representing an oppressed Jew. At Duke we had a reception in honor of the three families from the Soviet Union who have moved to our area. We titled the program "The Soviet Experience as Seen through the Eyes of Recent Jewish Immigrants." The families were very open and answered all the students' questions.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the semester will bring. We are cosponsoring the group "Voice of the Turtle" (a sephardic band) with the Judaic Studies program and are already getting busy for our Passover Seder.

## **Temple Emanu-El Myrtle Beach, S.C.**

**by Lorraine Wachter**

Tu b'Shevat was celebrated in Myrtle Beach with the congregation's annual Seder of the Trees at the synagogue, complete with all the traditional foods of the holiday. In celebration of Tu b'Shevat, children of Temple Emanu-El's Religious School have contributed to the plantings in our newly landscaped parking lot, in an area to be designated as the Children's Forest.

Shabbat Services on February 23 were held jointly with guests from Christ Community Church of Conway, S.C., in observance of Brotherhood Month. Members of both congregations took part in leading the service. Temple Emanu-El hosts Brotherhood Sabbath in February of each year with another religious group in our community.

Shabbat eve's service on March 2 was designated "Family Shabbat" at Temple Emanu-El. It was led in part by students of the Religious School who also rendered a special musical contribution.

The congregation's annual gala Purim festival and Megillah reading was preceded by a covered dish dinner. The older religious school students entertained with an original play, written especially for the occasion.

## **Congregation Bayt Shalom Greenville, N.C.**

**by Paula Blumenfeld**

Congregation Bayt Shalom welcomed its new spiritual leader, Michael Chen, last fall. Michael comes to us from Orlando, Fla. and is enjoying his work with the congregation. He has been very busy with religious education for all ages. His well attended adult educational classes include conversational Hebrew.

He is also advising a very active BBYO group in eastern North Carolina. BBYO president, Chad Bornstein, informs us that its members are busy with activities such as con-

ventions, pizza parties and car washes.

Congregation had a well attended Tu b'Shevat Seder. Rabbi Chen provided a very informative and enjoyable morning.

The children of our Sunday School presented a Purim Spiel "The Great Robbery at Goldfarb's Gulch" on March 11. Everyone enjoyed the play and Purim festivities.

We congratulate our president, Joe Gantz, on being named Citizen of the Year by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

1989 witnessed much growth in the Greenville Jewish community as evidenced by eight births of Jewish children in the community. Mazel Tov to all the new parents.

## Temple of Israel Wilmington, N.C.

by Ira Kersh

One of the memorable recent Temple events was the celebration of the 75th birthday of our wonderful Rabbi, Albert Gordon. Not only did we have a special Temple service, but it seemed that every night someone had a party or was taking the Rabbi and his wife, Lenore, out for a good supper. Most members are very appreciative of the way that Rabbi Gordon has brought new and thoughtful life into our Temple. He exemplifies the "youth" of our Temple oldsters. Who else can boast of a Rabbi who went on a vacation to Brazil with a trip up the Amazon complete with crocodile viewing! Well—what can one do with a

youngster of 75 but just let him have fun!

With the influx of new residents to Wilmington, we are fortunate to have increased our membership so that we were able to have a special Sabbath service for them, complete with the refreshments tendered in our Rosenthal Hall. Some of them in joining our Temple have still maintained their affiliation with their home town Temples and yet have thrown themselves into our Temple life with work and attendance. We are very appreciative of their efforts and thoughtfulness. Thank you!

The once a month lecture session in the Rosenthal Hall on *The Ethics of The Fathers* instead of a sermon has been interesting as well as informative and has been well attended. After the talk by the Rabbi we have an open discussion on the subject matter. This has been provocative and leaves all with a feeling of accomplishment.

We still have an open invitation to all of our fellow co-religionists to visit with us when in Wilmington and share in our services.

### ADDENDUM to The Lavitts of North Carolina (March 1990):

Leonard Lavitt is married to Rita Schrieber of Silver Spring, Md. They have two children: Robert, a senior at Duke University, and Harriette Loren, a senior in high school in Chatham, N.J. where the family resides.

## Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

The final decade of the 1900s started with a dynamic program for Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem under the leadership of Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz.

Special Shabbat services were conducted by the local BBYO chapter, the Caring Congregation Committee, Ray Ebert and the Temple Choir celebrating Reform Judaism with song, and Sisterhood honoring women of history who helped shape Judaism.

Temple Emanuel hosted a presentation by writer Julie Heifitz, guitarist Jim Klueh, and singer Asa Harris of "Sarah's Song." This was one of the programs sponsored by the Winston-Salem Jewish Community Council featuring current talent in the American Jewish literary culture. The next one will take place on April 4 at Wake Forest University. Laurence Rudner, Professor of English at North Carolina State University and writer, will read selections from his work.

Temple member Ruth Julian, avid art collector and lecturer, gave a talk and slide show on contemporary Jewish artists.

David Levy, a professor of music at Wake Forest University, with the help of the "Rossi Singers," presented a wonderful program on Salomone Rossi, Jewish Italian composer.

Coming events planned by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood include continuation of the Book Discussion Group, led by Dr. Andrew Ettin, professor of English at Wake Forest University. "Later the Same Day" by Grace Paley will be the topic on April 12.

The exciting "Celebrations!" affairs sponsored by Sisterhood continue throughout the year. To name a few: After Affair, Super (Chili) Bowl, Kimono My House, Shabbat Dinner, Pictionary Perfect, Challah Us Baking Bread. This month, Bike or Bust and Family Dessert Party will take place.

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On April 1, Sisterhood offers a special performance of "A Shayna Maidel" by Barbara Lebow to be presented by the Winston-Salem Theatre Alliance. This hit play has been seen by audiences in New York and around the country.

After many years of hoping and many attempts to make it possible, this is the year that Temple Emanuel will sponsor a second-night Passover Seder for the Jewish community of Winston-Salem. Rabbi Liebschutz will conduct the Seder to be held at the Stouffer Winston Plaza Hotel.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, North Carolina**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The calendar for the Synagogue for February included the Rabbi's Torah Class on February 1, 8, 15, and 22. On February 6 and 20, the Rabbi led his Study Group. On February 24, a Saturday overnight "lock in" with the Youth Group was held with Rabbi and Sara Birnham at Beth Israel.

In further information in Education News, on February 9, congregants came as a family and enjoyed a family-oriented service enlivened by children's singing. It was Shabbat Shira—the Sabbath of Song when we read of the children of Israel singing after deliverance from the Egyptian army during their crossing of the Sea of Reeds (Red Sea). The service was held also in honor of Tu b'Shevat.

On March 1, the Rabbi gave his First Annual Yahrzeit Lecture. He tells us that in Judaism, there is a widespread custom of teaching something in honor of a loved one who has died; that as the departed have taught us in life, so we teach others to honor their memory. In this spirit, Rabbi Birnham offered his first annual yahrzeit lecture this year. March 1 corresponds to the 5th of Adar, the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Birnham's father, David Birnham. As this date was shortly before Purim, the Rabbi also presented a talk on Purim and the Book of Esther.

On March 4, Beth Israel had a Hebrew Marathon, learning to read Hebrew in a single day. Believe it or not, it was done, using Rabbi Noah Golinkin's greatly successful method: "While Standing on One Foot." Classes were co-taught by Rabbi Birnham and David Gaynes, a "One Foot" graduate.

Ruth Gaynes, principal of the Sunday School, reports that we now have two new teachers, Beth Reiser and Michael Garner. Beth is teaching our Dalet class, the older boy's group, and Michael will be helping us develop a new class just for third grade students. He also sits in on the music class, as he's an Irish style fiddle player and a guitarist. February 11 was our all-school Tu b'Shevat Activity Day. And, finally, Ruth wants to thank the many people who make our growing Sunday School successful—teachers, visiting scholars, activity day leaders, kitchen mavens, snack volunteers and faithful parents all.

In Sisterhood News, Liz Nigrosh, president, comments that the program held by Sisterhood in December on Abortion Issues was professionally handled by all who participated and certainly appreciated by the audience. The planning of the program and organizing were done by Debbie Neimkin, a vice president of Sisterhood. Liz also informs us that the upcoming Sisterhood Shabbat will be held March 30.

And, of course, it is always a pleasure to end with Mazel Tovs and welcoming. Congratulations to Candi Cross, who made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester with a 4.0 average. Candi is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Mazel Tov to Jack and Arlene Doloboff, on the birth of a granddaughter, Alyssa Nicole, on January 2. She is the daughter of Susan and Jim DeChiara. Mazel Tov to Lee and Robin Berger on the birth of a son, Jesse Benjamin, on January 10. We welcome our newest members, James and Uta Levinson and their two daughters, Jacqueline and Sarah.

## **Temple Beth HaTephila Asheville, N.C.**

by Marjorie Schachter

### **Shabbat Friendship Circle**

The third in a monthly series of meetings on "A Contemporary View of the Torah" was held on February 3. Les and Marjorie Schachter were hosts: Les presented the D'var Torah on "Bo," Exodus 10.1-13.16, the portion treating the 10 plagues and the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

### **The Sisterhood**

Members are still working as volunteers at our community project for consumer affairs at Channel WLOS-TV. This is the second year of involvement for Gloria Schultz, Irene Braun, Pauline Moser, Teddy Kodak and Leah Karpen. Ruth Weber is also active. Barbara Jarmel is at the station on a daily basis as overall coordinator.

Leah Karpen reminded the membership of a national IMPACT briefing on Issues before Congress which took place from March 18 to 21 in Washington, D.C. The subject was "Do Justice, Make Peace, Sustain Creation." Leah also noted that the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, focusing on "Lessons of the Past, Visions of the Future," will be held in London, England, May 1 through 6, and a post-conference mission to Amsterdam May 7 through 11.

Phyllis Bluming, advisory board member of the WNC Child Abuse Center, reminded the congregation that donations of time and money to that organization are always gratefully accepted.

### **The Brotherhood**

During the Oneg following the Brotherhood Service on February 16, a Jewish Chautauqua Society video tape was shown. Called "Understanding through Education," it featured activities at universities in Texas and the positive reactions of non-Jewish students to learning about Judaism.

## Adult Education

The Rabbi's class on Jewish Customs and Ceremonies met on February 6, 13 and 20. The final session of the series provided a guide to religious acknowledgement of life-cycle events on a personal level if necessary, as opposed to a congregational setting. The rabbi used the book "Gates of the House" as his text.

## The Religious School

The Religious School Sabbath on January 26 gave the children the opportunity to participate actively in the evening service. The parent coordinator for the Oneg following the service was Ms. Jean Reisenberg Marder, mother of Ashley Marder.

Ellen Braveman was chairperson of the Jewish Book Fair held on February 25 at Unger Hall to benefit the Religious School. Adults' and children's books were on sale, as were refreshments supplied by Religious School parents.

## Present Perfect

The congregation sincerely thanks Jonathan and Aileen Pearlman for the donation of a color television set and utility cart, which are being used in conjunction with a previously donated VCR for presenting educational materials on video tape to our students, both young and adult.

## Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming was warmly thanked by the Jewish Community Center's Program Coordinator for speaking to their "Thursdays at the Center" group.

## Mazel Tovs

To the parents, John and Helene Fligel, on the birth of a son, Jachary Coleman, and to the grandmother, Dorothy Fligel, and great-grandmother, Helen Zageir. To Dr. Stanley and Muriel Marks on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Dean Worley.

## Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Adam Bernstein

The Hebrew word *chavurah* means "friend," but also has come to refer to a group of Jews who gather outside of their temple for fellowship, to study or for a variety of other reasons. Temple Beth El V'Shalom is encouraging the formation of *chavurot* to help revitalize the sense of community in the congregation and supplement the religious, educational and social experience of its members.

"The concept of *chavurot* is the most significant development in the Jewish community toward recreating the nuclear family that was known to previous generations," said Rabbi Robert Seigel of Beth El V'Shalom. "It attempts and often succeeds in reintroducing the personal aspect of Jewish life in the face of growing institutionalism."

Rabbi Seigel said *chavurot* have only been around since the decade of the 1960s. The concept was born, he said, as a move to recapture the sense of camaraderie in congregations that many Jews thought was

missing in recent years. Today the idea is popular and widespread, forming the basis for many groups that are and are not affiliated with congregations across the country.

Lawson and Abbe Bryan volunteered to coordinate the Temple's *chavurah* effort. The two, who are both relatively new to the Charlotte area, were attracted to the idea because they perceived a need for personal interaction within the congregation that was not being met.

Lawson sees his roll as identifying members of the Temple who are interested in joining a *chavurah*, and then matching them with others to form a group. To that end, he and Abbe plan to hold regular meetings and help organize new groups as the demand warrants.

A *chavurah*, Lawson said, initially can offer specific benefits to its members, such as fellowship or study. But he sees the ultimate value of the *chavurah* experience as being the relationships and support network among members that evolve from their participation.

In the last two years, the Temple attempted to organize *chavurot* based on specialized themes or common interests, such as parents of mixed marriages and music. Although many congregants expressed interest, only one group was formed from that initial thrust, and its theme is general in nature—a discussion/social *chavurah*. "Trying to define a group by a specific common interest is a great idea, but I don't think we as a community are large enough to support that degree of specialization," Lawson said. "We will aim for *chavurot* with more general themes, although in a few cases a specific theme may be appropriate. Jewish singles, for example, is a possibility."

The long existing *chavurah*, which has been active for more than a year, includes Sid and Pearl Abransky; Frank and Sylvia Greenspan; Don and Ilene Weiner; Adam Bernstein and Tamar Seigel; Steve and Barbara Freeman; and Erick and Lia Sandor. Meetings are usually held



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monthly at a member's house, and the group has balanced its gatherings between the serious and the purely social.

The reason the group remains active, many of its members believe, is because of the diversity in both its membership and subject matter. Their meetings have featured a role playing exercise to explore the Palestinian issue, meeting for dinner and to attend a Sabbath service together, discussions about current affairs and religious cultural heritage, getting together for a pot luck dinner and a swim, and even playing a Jewish trivia game.

The Greenspans said their *chavurah* brings together temple members who might otherwise have never interacted into an extended family. "It's an opportunity to get to know people better, more in-depth, than during the normal intercourse of temple life," Frank said. "We particularly enjoy the interplay of ages within our group. I think that's very healthy."

Barbara Freeman enjoys the intimacy of a small group, and the interchange of ideas. "I feel it's a good thing for people to get together and hear other's opinions and thoughts about being Jewish and so forth," she said. Sylvia Greenspan agreed, noting "I love the respect that we have for each other. You get a warm feeling being with people you truly want to be with."

The group's informality also appeals to Freeman. "More temple members will be interested (in joining a *chavurah*) if they know that it isn't a formal thing, something you have to study or prepare for."

The *chavurah* members said the key to success is assembling a diverse group-representing a broad range of backgrounds, interests and aptitudes. That way, everyone learns from each other and gains the most from the experience.

For more information about joining or forming a *chavurah*, contact Lawson Bryan at (704) 542-2811 (home) or (704) 364-8111 (office).

## Women's American Ort by Honey Kridel

Women's American ORT has come to Charlotte. The organization of Rehabilitation through Training has 120 schools in 24 countries and the United States. This program has been embraced by the leaders of these countries as being one of the finest of its type.

The regular meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining the ORT Chapter, please call Peggie Rovman 552-2010 or Florence Sperling 543-1124.

The installation of officers will be held on Tuesday evening, May 22.

## JDC Cited by USSR

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was cited by the Soviet Union for its relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating 1988 earthquake in Armenia. It was the first Jewish organization ever honored by the U.S.S.R.



Ron Brown (pictured with his family), chairman of the Democratic National Committee, departed from the EL AL terminal at JFK on January 16 to meet with Israeli government officials. Brown, a lawyer from Washington, D.C., was accompanied by several other members of the committee, as well as his family. The Browns also went sightseeing during their stay in Israel.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

### Purim Activities

Purim is the most joyous time of the year and perhaps the busiest at Lubavitch of North Carolina.

On Sunday, March 4 a festive children's rally was held at the Chabad House in Charlotte. The event which attracted well over one hundred local children was one of the most enjoyable Purim programs ever held here.

Since Purim is a time of masquerading and costumes, the children in attendance were treated to a spectacular variety of cosmetic make-up. A team of professional make-up artists helped the children choose faces ranging from Queen Esther to the righteous Mordechai and then applied the face chosen to the child. The make-up included hair coloring and face painting with an array of fascinating colors.

The children participated in a story about Mordechai and the evil Haman, booing Haman's name and cheering Mordechai's and Esther's names. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, coordinator of the program, led the children in Purim songs and fun contests during which the children won some delicious Kosher prizes. The children also recited selected Torah verses and participated in the Mitzvah of Tzedakah.

The program which was entitled "The Pre-Purim Tzivos Hashem Rally" was part of the ongoing Tzivos Hashem programs conducted under the auspices of Lubavitch of North Carolina. Tzivos Hashem is a world wide Jewish children's organization with over 160,000 members. The organization was founded by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, in 1980. Tzivos Hashem recently held a giant Jewish Children's Expo at the Javits Center in New York. The event attracted over 50,000 visitors.

On Tuesday, March 6 the Lubavitch Day School and Preschool hosted a parents-children Purim Workshop at the Chabad House. The children helped their parents



*Cheryl Spangenthal helps her daughter Sarah create a Purim mask.*

create Purim costumes and candy cups plus many other Purim needs. They also baked delicious Hamantaschen and sang Purim songs together. The parents expressed their delight and pleasure in being part of this exciting project.

On Saturday night, March 10 the evening of Purim, a huge crowd of children and adults attended the Purim celebration at the Chabad House. Children were dressed in all kinds of costumes and came with a variety of Groggers (the traditional noise makers used when Haman's name is mentioned during the reading of the Megillah).

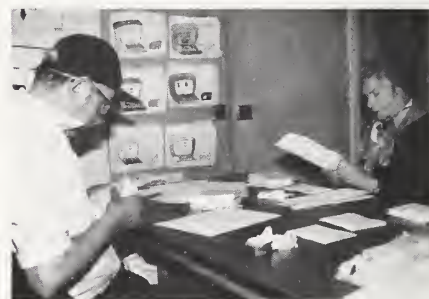
There were refreshments galore and plenty of liquor for the cheers of L'Chaim and an abundance of good will and holiday spirit to last for a year. Rabbi Yossi Groner, regional director of Lubavitch in the Carolinas, emphasized the significance of Purim this year, since it is a year of miracles.

Lubavitch also distributed thousands of Purim kits to school children throughout the Carolinas. The Purim kits were designed to help children observe all the Purim Mitzvot. The kits contained goodies for the Mitzvah of "Mishloach Manot" and coins for charity. Lubavitch also mailed over 7,000 Purim guides to Jewish families in Charlotte and to many other communities around the Carolinas.

On Sunday, March 11, Purim night, parents and friends of Lubavitch Day School and Preschool gathered at Shalom Park for a festive Purim feast. The feast was hosted and prepared by Mariashi Groner



*Rabbi Weiss instructs children with the Torah verses.*



*Lou and Sue Doctor preparing Purim mailing.*

and Chanie Weiss on behalf of the Lubavitch School. The parents enjoyed not only the delicious food but the special Purim fun and games led by the parents.

### Passover Programs

Lubavitch will once again bring the exciting "Model Matzah Bakery" to Charlotte as a hands-on preparation for the holiday of Pesach. The Chabad House will be converted into a replica of the authentic Shmurah Matzah Bakery, where the Matzot are hand-baked for use on Passover.

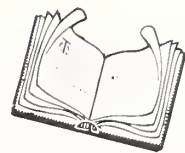
The Model Bakery, of course, produces but a replica of the authentic Matzah. However, there will be genuine Matzah from New York available for sale. The Bakery will be open on Sunday, April 1 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information please contact the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984.

Lubavitch is in the process of mailing thousands of Passover guides to families all over the Carolinas. The booklet also features a guide on how to conduct a Seder and a contract for one's Chometz to be sold. For those who want to receive extra copies, please contact the Lubavitch office in Charlotte.





# Book Reviews



## Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

### “‘Driving Miss Daisy’: The Politics of the Heart”

For those of us Jews who have lived our lives in the South the much applauded movie “Driving Miss Daisy” has resurrected a once familiar, now bygone world. As a child growing up in a small Southern country-town my world was lily white, though not one without its occasional reminder of vulnerabilities Jews sometimes faced. Still, compared to black people we were well insulated. But I wince now to think how great the distance was between myself and the local black community. There were black domestics in our home, and we had an “almost family” relationship with them, but in retrospect the rigidities of the master-servant relationship were scrupulously respected on both sides, perpetuating a plantation mentality that hinted subtly that “Massa” was never going to be “in de col’ col’ groun’.”

Deeply moved by the poignance, tenderness and wisdom of “Driving Miss Daisy,” the superb acting of Morgan Freeman as Hoke Colburn, Jessica Tandy as Miss Daisy and Dan Ackroyd as her son Boolie, I found myself pondering the intriguing but painful truths the movie reveals in a variety of contexts: Boolie’s reluctance as a southern Jewish businessman to support the civil rights movement, coupled with Martin Luther King Jr.’s ringing declaration that what was most damaging to the movement was not the “vitriolic words” of the bad people but the “appalling silence” of the good ones; the empty-headed assimilative ostentation of Boolie’s wife at Christmas; the dignity of Daisy and Hoke and their growing dependence on one another as they declined into old age, unafraid to acknowledge

the need to relate to one another as human beings.

Relating as human beings, they remind us of another recent transcendent drama of a Jew and a Black intertwined, “I’m Not Rappaport.” In both instances the relationships flourish between the elderly, giving rise to the disturbing possibility that only when people are gerontologically beyond some potentially threatening arenas of human interaction, the fatal attractions of power acquisition and sex, can such friendly interdependences thrive. Such relationships thrive in childhood, too. One would like to think they could thrive unthreatened just as happily in between.

One reason, I think, that the movie succeeds so well in handling its super-sensitive subject of Jewish-Black relations in a hostile southern setting is the characterization of Miss Daisy. She is unlike any other Jewish female protagonist in contemporary Jewish literature. Usually Jewish women are characterized as casual and informal, be they young princesses (no dreaded J-acronym here!), or yiddishe mommas. With her aristocratic mien and her insistence on principle and decorum, Miss Daisy gives us a *persona* who not only commands our respect but one who is beyond reproach. We can learn a lot from this ex-schoolmarm. If she tells us it is all right for Jewish and African American adults to befriend and trust one another, then it is a lesson well taught.

It is a lesson few of us, Jew and Black, Jew and non-Jew, have learned well enough. In the South, but elsewhere, too, the subject has been too hot to handle. Southern Jews themselves have hardly explored ethnic relationships in fiction or drama; indeed, they have no recognizable body of literature at all, presumably because they have long been reluctant to call attention to themselves, constituting as they

have been and still are, a tiny minority living in the midst of a potentially explosive, overwhelmingly white Christian populist society. That there are captivating stories to tell, however, is amply proven by “Driving Miss Daisy.”

Perhaps the dominant metaphor of the Jewish experience in America, whatever the region, is that of the Jews’ love for this country, at times depicted in the romantic attraction of the dark-complexioned Jewish boy for the blonde Christian “Snow-Queen” that symbolizes America. In an earlier era, “Abie’s Irish Rose” became the romantic embodiment of the metaphor. Overcoming ethnic differences symbolically or realistically is what American pluralism is all about. The thing that makes “Driving Miss Daisy” as intriguing as it is poignant is that it accomplishes its purpose of extending this fundamental principle of democracy into a hitherto forbidden area by putting a new twist on the old metaphor: the couple are friends, not lovers, the dark-complexioned man is not a Jew but a Black, the blonde “Snow-Queen” is no longer Christian but Jewish. As subtle and well-handled as these extended racial nuances are, the real triumph of the movie is in its message that the only politics that work are the politics of the heart.

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*Partners* refers to our partnership with God in working towards *Tikkun Olam*, perfection of the world. The book is directed to children 5 to 8 years old, and suggests activities for them to help the underprivileged, the hungry and homeless. Large, black and white illustrations by Jef-

frey Wiener make the pages attractive.

Deborah Shayne Syme is also author of *The Jewish Home Detectives*. She has an M.A. in Education from Wayne State University and lives in Stamford, Conn.

### **Bible Stories for Little Children, Vol. 4**

by Betty R. Hollender

Illustrated by Martin Lemelman

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Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

These Bible stories are for little children aged 5 to 8.

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The book is illustrated with black and white drawings by Martin Lemelman. It will make a welcome gift.

### **Gates of Wonder - A Prayerbook for Very Young Children**

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This book fills a need for introducing religion to children at the beginning of their understanding lives. Published by the Reform Movement, great care has been taken to make the book attractive, with 24 pastel color illustrations, large print and Hebrew words which are important in our prayers.

The easily read text responds to the wonder in minds of small children. The wonder of the world is also described in a manner suitable to the very young, suitable until they begin to attend religious school. I wish this book had been published when my own children were very young.

### **The Safe Deposit and Other Stories**

Edited by Kerry M. Olitzky  
Markus Weiner Publishing, Inc. 320 pp. \$19.95  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

These stories are about grandparents, old lovers and old Jewish people of different sorts, all in the United States with one exception. That one takes place in South Africa.

The title story is written by Isaac B. Singer. The introduction by the late Senator Claude Pepper is very brief. He says that the stories are inspiring and uplifting, about human decency and dignity. True, but I found them somewhat depressing. Old age has compensations, but they are to be found in a wilderness which prevails in the lives of the characters in this collection.

One of those I liked best is *The Life You Gave Me* by Bette Howland, about a father, told by his daughter. Maybe it appealed to me because it is written by a Chicagoan and the scene is familiar to me. I like its language and this paragraph:

All their lives they believed in The Future; they struggled and slaved and sacrificed for The Future. Not that they had much choice; it was understood they had been born too soon. Things were going to get better—In The Future. The Everlasting Future. And now all of a sudden they see the truth. The Future? What Future? Is there even going to be such a thing? For the first time in their lives—for once and once only—it's an advantage to have been born too soon. They won't have to stick around for The Future. They leave it to us. See how we like it.

The list of authors of the eighteen stories is impressive, including Edna Ferber, Charles Angoff, Gertrude Berg, Jerome Weidman, besides I. B. Singer, but all of them known, skilled writers of great descriptive abilities. *The Safe Deposit* is a book worth reading. It will linger in the mind for a long time.

### **Not Strictly Kosher**

by Odeda Rosenthal  
Starchand Press 206 pp. \$26.95  
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There are about 4,000 Jews in New Zealand. The author states Jewish history there started in 1831. She also complains that they now face extinction, neglected by the rest of the Jewish world.

This book, *Not Strictly Kosher*, referring to Jewish observances in New Zealand, is only the second which has been written on pioneer Jews in New Zealand. It is abundantly illustrated in black and white, and probably contains all there is to know on the subject.

Odeda Rosenthal was born in Jerusalem, lives in the United States and among many credits is her role as curator and artistic director of the U.S. Bicentennial Exhibition of the History of the Jews of New York.

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## APRIL 1990

### CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR – THE DREAM BUILDS

“Invitations have been mailed out to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Jewish Home which indicate a major announcement will be made at the gathering,” reported the Twin City Sentinel, October 23, 1971. The meeting was to be held November 7 at the Home, and the subject was to be “What Happens Within, Now and Future.”

By February 1, 1971 (according to “50 Golden Years” published by NCAJW, May, 1971), the capitol debt had been all but retired. The groundwork had been set for the development of expansion plans for immediate and long-range development. All that had gone on in the past had set the foundation for the future. The Home must grow, its founders said, and it was ready to grow.

The annual meeting was the place for discussion. The “Why,” “What,” and “How” of the project were presented. Elbert Levy moderated the discussions



*A view of the Home as it appeared ready for the dream to continue to build.*

and participants included those who were instrumental in building and realizing the dream of a Jewish Home — Morris Brenner and Herman Bernard, Co-Chairmen of the Building Committee, Phil Robin, Treasurer, Dr. A.J. Tannenbaum, President of the Medical Staff, Dr. Norman Sulkin, Chairman of the Gerontological Committee, Sam Schwartz and Marian Sosnik of the Executive Commit-

tee, and Herman Leder, Vice President.

The dreamers never stopped dreaming. There was a need for cottages, a new nursing wing and hospital wing, and a club complex with apartments according to the Twentieth Anniversary Booklet. The dreamers never stopped working, and an architectural firm was soon engaged to design the new nursing wing.

# IN MEMORY OF MARIAN SOSNIK



*Marian Sosnik, a friend to the Home since the dream began, leaves a legacy of beauty and commitment to all of us.*

Marian Sosnik, Secretary of the Board of Directors, who was associated with the Home since its inception, died February 21, 1990, after a brief illness.

Marian was a woman of grace, elegance, and warmth with a keen insight into the planning, operational, and human aspects of providing for community needs both in the Jewish sector and the community-at-large. For one year, Marian served as Administrator of the Home while the Board searched for an Executive Vice President. This enabled the Home to make a carefully considered selection.

Her excellence in leadership permitted an effective transition. Many of the elements of pride which we all hold for the Home have, in large part, been influenced by Marian.

The beauty that she brought to all of us in life further remains with us in the decorating that she coordinated for the Home. Accordingly, some of Marian's friends have formed a committee and are developing a fitting memorial. Anyone wishing to contribute may direct their donations to the Marian Sosnik Memorial Fund at the Home.

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*Ruth Menins, Fair Oaks resident, enjoys the monthly shopping trip to Hanes Mall with Millie Slatkoff, her regular volunteer partner.*



# FAIR OAKS

## THE SOUTHERN SPIRIT

You don't have to be from the South to enjoy the southern lifestyle, and FAIR OAKS residents can attest to that. Almost at capacity, the FAIR OAKS community claims northerners and westerners, as well as southerners who have adopted the southern spirit.

For a true taste of southern spirit, FAIR OAKS residents have journeyed to Winston-Salem to see the recent, popular attractions, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Steel Magnolias*. These films were real favorites as are the frequent outings to the local yogurt or ice cream parlors and an all-time favorite, *The Dessertery*, in Winston-Salem.

Southerners also enjoy staying home because home means keeping busy with canasta, bridge, and rummicube games,

evening videos, and visits with friends. Evening programs include *Travels with Margot*, *Critter Cuddlin*, and *Bingo*. Weekends mean Shabbat services, Sunday concerts, and special programs.

FAIR OAKS southerners, native and newly transplanted, know how to live the easy life and enjoy each day.

*Enjoying each day is easy when you spend time with friends. Residents, visitors, and volunteers are seen enjoying the southern spirit: clockwise, Fair Oaks resident Virginia Brown enjoys a dance with BJH resident Maurice Rogovin; Fair Oaks resident Therese Serxner with Greensboro volunteer Josie Swirin; Fair Oaks resident George Carp greets Daisy Pastor, a friend visiting from Greensboro.*



# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **THE SOCIETY SWING BAND** had toes tapping and hearts beating at the Valentine's Day party February 14. Teachers from the optional education program in Winston-Salem brought a loving touch to the party with valentines, assistance, and dancing feet.
- **TEMPLE ISRAEL YOUTH GROUP** visited from Charlotte on Sunday, February 18, delighting residents with their spirited program of Jewish music. The Commons was filled with dancing, singing, guitar and piano music, and a joyful spirit.



*The big band sound had everyone swinging and swaying on Valentine's Day. Above: Maurice Rogovin enjoys a jitterbug with Lynn Wahoski, Director of Resident Activities. Below, left; Sara Mackler, BJH resident, took to the dance floor with a visiting volunteer. Right: Catherine and Bob Smith, real pro's, were a delight to watch.*





- **B'NAI SHALOM DAY SCHOOL** began a new learning program on February 16 when BJH residents went to school. B'nai Shalom students and BJH residents shared a learning experience in cooking class, celebrated Shabbat together at lunch and, most of all, enjoyed making new friends and increasing understanding. The residents look forward to going back to school at B'nai Shalom in Greensboro and sharing experiences with the students each month.



*Adrienne Rosenberg encourages Fannie Benson to put some of her memories on tape. Bertha Lippman (background) awaits her opportunity.*

- **CLASSICAL MUSIC** filled the Commons Auditorium on Sunday, February 18, when the Brenner Concert Series featured Wake Forest music students. Thanks to Ann Listokin who arranged the concert and instrumentalists Laurie Dilodovich and Eddie Timanus, piano, Julia Otto, clarinet, and Suzanna Griffith, singer. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful performance.

- **PUTTING MEMORIES ON TAPE** tapped into recollections and led residents down memory lane. This new program led by Adrienne Rosenberg, Director of Jewish Family Services in Charlotte, was stimulating and an inspiration to residents to save those precious memories to share with future generations.



- **OUT TO LUNCH** in February included a trip to Greensboro on the 20th to lunch at Star-mount Country Club with Greensboro volunteers, always a treat, and a short drive to Clemmons on the 13th to attend the Clemmons senior citizens meeting and bingo program, another favorite monthly activity.

*Fair Oaks resident Esther Pearson takes a turn around the dance floor with a visitor on Valentine's Day.*

## WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

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# SUE's NEWS

## Traveling In Style

New and old volunteers put on their traveling shoes to join us in February.

Margot Falkenberg, a new volunteer from Winston-Salem, travels to the Home each Thursday evening at 6:30 to present "Travels With Margot." Residents join Margot in the FAIR OAKS living room and travel, through discussion, to places they've visited and dreamed about and to memories they've shared. They have traveled together to as far away as Israel and as close as recollecting favorite recipes. Margot, a native of Winston-Salem and graduate of Wake Forest University, is presently a travel agent with Aladdin Travel. Her friendship, warmth, and charm make her an ideal travel guide for our residents. Her traveling companions are eager to join her each Thursday.

Kay and Fred Burk, Winston-Salem volunteers, have been traveling to the Home on Monday afternoons to fill in for volunteer bingo caller Eleanor Leverenz since her recent accident. Janie Douthit, gift shop volunteer, has also added bingo calling to her schedule on Tuesday's and Friday's. You can't get too much of a good thing. Our residents say they can't have too much bingo, and we know we can't have too many volunteers. We hope they all keep traveling to us and we invite you to join them.



*Margot Falkenberg, volunteer, chats with Fair Oaks resident Eva Weinburg, a regular member of the "traveling group."*



*Left to Right: Fair Oaks residents, Irene Mendelson & Fay Wexler and (far right) Syd Kastel looks forward to Monday afternoon bingo with volunteers Kay and Fred Burk (center).*





*Cardiac arrest was not a medical emergency but a way to raise funds for the Heart Association on February 14. Left: Sue Clein and Patsy Petree are not too worried as they are handcuffed and taken off to jail by a Forsyth County deputy. Above, right: Cindy Horton, Development Administrative Secretary, contributes to the bail which Arlene van de Rijn is helping to raise from staff and residents to free their jailed associates.*

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 1 Leave for Winston-Salem to see the play, "A Shayna Maidel," 2 p.m.
- 3 Homewide birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 6 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 9 First Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 10 Passover services, BJH Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 10 Second Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 11 Passover services, BJH Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 16 Passover services, BJH Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.
- 20 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 26 Moravian Home fashion show, leave for Winston-Salem, 9:15 a.m.
- 30 Israel Independence Day ceremony, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in April:

### 24 Years

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James Walker, Housekeeping

# BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

# What's Developing?

**"I have an idea . . ."**

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

Seven year old Dina Ackermann came home from school one day last Fall and announced to her Mother, "I have an idea . . . I want to make a tsedakah box. . ."

Dina thought about her idea for a couple of days and then told her Mother, "I want to save my money and give it to the Blumenthal Home . . ."

And so it began, young Dina Ackermann's own special project to save her money to help the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Some four months later, one cold February day, Dina's Mother brought her to the Home where she met Don Morris, the Executive Director, and presented him with her own, homemade pushka with \$11.17 in it. Dina saved her allowance, she asked her parents for help, and she gave this her top priority.

Dina provides a wonderful example for all of us to follow!

"I have an idea . . ." said Dina.

Let's make it our idea, too!

Dina's Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ackermann, and her sister, Donna, live in Greensboro. Dina is in the second grade at the B'nai Shalom School. She and her family are active in the Beth David Synagogue.

At the same time Dina has been filling one pushka for the Home, she has also been saving in another pushka for the new Educational Building at Beth David. Not one project — but two — for this beautiful, thoughtful seven year old.

Perhaps all of us can learn from Dina and "have an idea"

that we will save and give for the Home and other important needs in our community.

Dina's Mother, Rose Bernard Ackermann (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bernard of High Point) says that Dina "Thought of this all by herself. She had seen the residents of the Home come to the school. They talk about the Home at the School, and we talk about the Home in our family. But, the idea to save for the Home was Dina's."

I believe it helps that her Grandparents, Herman and Zelda Bernard, have been very

generous and active supporters for the Home since it began. I believe it also helps that her Mother and Father have been supporters of the Home for years.

But, let's give Dina credit. She said, "I have an idea . . ." and went to work on her idea.

How about this: Let's all make Dina's idea our idea and go to work, saving and giving to the Home!

Thank you Dina, and God bless you!

Thank you, Friends of the Home, and God bless you!



*On her visit to the Home, Dina Ackermann visits with a friend from Greensboro, Fair Oaks resident Rose Halpern.*



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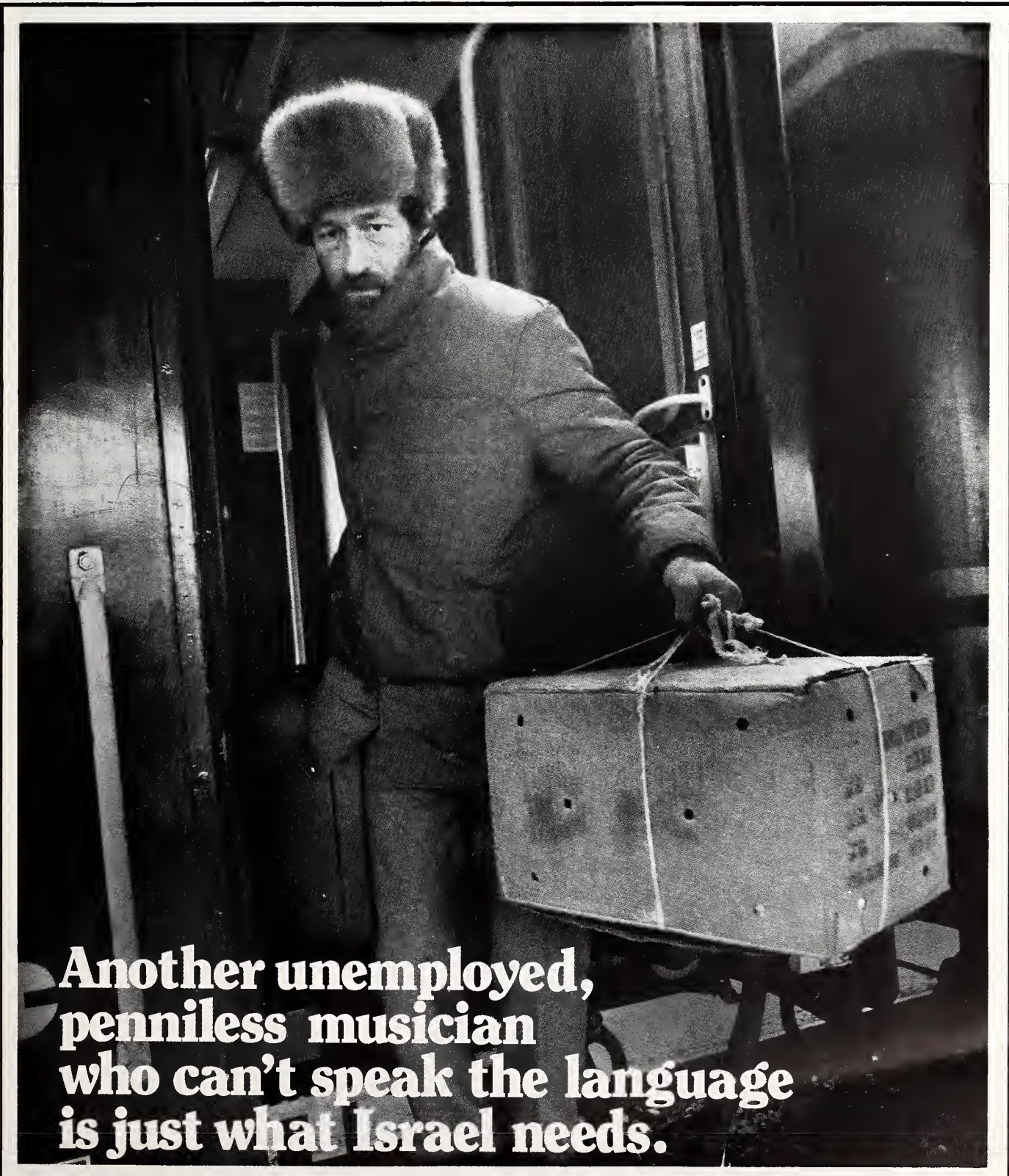


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**Another unemployed,  
penniless musician  
who can't speak the language  
is just what Israel needs.**

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# The Mitzvah of Redeeming Captives

by Rabbi Doniel Z. Kramer

The *Talmud* (*Baba Batra 8a*) instructs, "The redemption of captives is a religious duty of great importance." The *Talmud* continues to teach that captivity is harder than death, injury by sword and famine, for captivity includes the suffering of all of these, since the captors can inflict upon their captives any suffering that they wish.

In the *Code of Jewish Law* (*Shulchan Aruch: Yoreh Daya 252:1*) we are told that the redemption of captives is the greatest possible good deed that could be performed and takes precedence even over the support of poor people. Therefore, any money set aside for any sacred purpose could be used to redeem captives, including the utilization of funds that had been collected for a synagogue.

The Jews of the Soviet Union have been in captivity since the advent of Communism, even as they were under the Czars. They surely have been spiritual captives, as the opportunity to observe their faith and learn the principles of the Torah were restricted so that the descendants of our Russian grandparents, whose lives were so committed to every aspect of Judaism, know so little about the faith of their forebears.

Throughout the history of Communism behind the Iron Curtain, Jews have been made scapegoats for economic and political disasters, and often their very lives were in peril merely because of the fact that they were born Jews. Those who sought to live active and committed Jewish lives were harassed and often punished and sometimes killed.

We have the opportunity to participate in the redemption of captives, both spiritually and physically. Through Operation Exodus, we are providing the funds to ensure their physical safety so that they can leave the Soviet Union and settle in Israel, there to live the lives of productive Jews. Our support, providing for their transportation, housing, employment, education and social readjustment, is part of their redemption. We also ensure through Operation Exodus that these Jews, who know so little about the traditions of our people and the teachings of our faith, can once more be reconnected with our religion and its practices and beliefs and have the opportunity to become spiritually fulfilled. Here too, our Operation Exodus contribution redeems the Soviet Jewish captives spiritually.

Our rabbis teach us that when one gives Tzedakah, one does not become impoverished but actually becomes richer. When asked how the loss of money in one's portfolio because of a gift of money to Tzedakah enriches an individual, the rabbis respond: The merit of the good deeds that one performs through the righteous contribution of monies as part of charity and the uplifting feelings engendered by the wonderousness of such gifts actually provide much spiritual enrichment for the donor. Ultimately, through our Operation Exodus gifts, as well as other charitable contributions, we are also redeeming ourselves and become beneficiaries of our own largesse.

*Rabbi Kramer is director of UJA Rabbinic Cabinet.*



*Soviet Jewish immigrants landing in Israel. UJA Press Service Photo.*



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## From the Editor

The State of Israel has just celebrated its 42nd anniversary of Independence. This event will long be remembered as the year of "Operation Exodus."

Every time we hear reports of how many Soviet Jews will emigrate to Israel this year, the number grows. Tens of thousands could hopefully climb to hundreds of thousands. Israel is privileged to renew its dream of being the Jewish National Homeland. Israelis and diaspora Jews join hands in the Mitzvah of redeeming captives (see page 2) and saving Soviet Jews from further anti-Semitism (see page 4).

On May 30, many Soviet Jews will celebrate Shavuot for the first time. The remembrance of the giving of the Torah to Moses and the Jewish people will be a more meaningful experience as Soviet Jews embark on their new life in freedom.

May Jews everywhere enjoy the Festival of Shavuot in peace.

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Demonstration in Moscow, January 27, 1990

Sign translation: Zionism is a danger to everyone.

# IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF SOVIET JEWS NOW, SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT.

## Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union

by Kenneth Jacobson

For the past 30 years, the Soviet Union has been the primary center of official anti-Semitism in the world. Much of the anti-Jewish literature that surfaced in Third World countries in recent years has come from the propaganda mills in Moscow. The "Zionism is racism" resolution at the United Nations was a product of Soviet efforts. It had been hoped that the ongoing changes in the Soviet system would have generated a lessening but the fact is that the media now reports a surge of anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R.

What is it all about? A delegation from the Anti-Defamation League recently spent 11 days in the Soviet Union to seek answers. We arrived with a broad perception that now that Gorbachev had begun to loosen controls, anti-Semitism had become a problem emanating from the grass roots level. Soviet citizens—now freer to speak out—were venting their prejudices and Jews were their target.

We learned that while this understanding was correct, the actual situation is more complex. Indeed, a variety of factors have come together to create great anxiety, in some instances even panic, among Soviet Jews.

After years of total control by the state, popular feelings are now surfacing and one element is that of historic anti-Semitism. The Russian Empire was characterized by this hatred of Jews and Communist propaganda reinforced these prejudices. With no effort to educate the public about its evils, it is not surprising that anti-Semitism came through loud and clear as a by-product of this new freedom. The message manifests itself in demonstrations by the nationalist, anti-Semitic organization known as Pam-yat; in threatening phone calls and letters; in Jewish students being harassed; in the disruption of a Writers Union meeting by anti-Semitic hooligans.



*Marvin Lender, UJA Operation Exodus chairman, greets newly arrived immigrants from USSR at Ben Gurion Airport.*

*UJA Press Service Photo by Robert A. Cumins*

At the same time, there is no confidence among Soviet Jews that they can turn to the state for protection. The state remains untrustworthy for several reasons: continues to discriminate against Jews in jobs, in university admissions; because, even if the state had a desire to help the Jews, its loss of control makes it an unreliable supporter; and because there is a political battle between the Gorbachev reformers and the hard-line Communists, who seem to see anti-Semitism as a useful political tool and, at the very least, tacitly approve of anti-Semitic activities. In any case, there are few instances of state intervention.

What emerges, therefore, is a dangerous mix, a grass roots anti-Semitism being unleashed while Jews find few reliable friends in state authorities.

Into this mix come other messy ingredients. One is the Baku phenomenon. The horrible events in Azerbaijan were seen by Soviet Jews as a fulfillment of their worst fears. The very threats they had talked about for months had happened to Armenians. There has been a pogrom. There are reports of Armenian homes being raided on the basis of "lists." And the government intervened far too late. There is no way that Soviet Jews, already fearful of such things, could conclude other than it could happen to them. . . and perhaps soon.

Most significantly, Soviet Jews have only just begun to develop their own institutions to help them deal with these threats. Jewish organizing in the Soviet Union remains fragile; no one is sure how far the government will let them go; there is

still no possibility to publish widely to communicate with the Jewish masses and there is no organized experience in dealing with anti-Semitism. The absence of these mechanisms promotes a sense of helplessness in the face of uncertainty. Rumors spread like wildfire.

The panic atmosphere coincides with increasing speculation in the Soviet Union that Gorbachev will not last because of the economic and nationalist problems. In the "what after Gorbachev?" discussions that circulate, some Jews see analogies to Germany in the late '20s—the rise out of political and economic turmoil of a party that scapegoats Jews for society's problems.

Thus it is not surprising that Jewish emigration to Israel has soared in the past [few] months. And even if that continues, the Soviet Jewish community—at least 1.5 million people—will have to deal with the threat of anti-Semitism for years to come.

Americans have a role to play. Soviet officials care more today than ever about their image in the West. We must press the Soviet leadership to make fighting anti-Semitism a priority by speaking out on the highest levels, to begin educational programs in the schools concerning the evils of anti-Semitism and to allow the Jewish community the means to organize institutions to fight anti-Semitism.

If the Soviets are serious about integrating themselves into the one house of Europe, they must leave their anti-Semitic past behind.

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# Shavuot Features

## May 30-31, 1990

### Simply Delicious

by Lila Slaten

printed by Cookbook Publishers, Inc., 238 pp. Spiral binding. To order, send \$10.00 which includes postage to Lila Slaten, 4443 Cal-lada Pl., Tarzana, Ca. 91356 reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

On our recent visit to California, we were invited to dine at the home of Harve and Lila Slaten. Both are professional cooks. The dinner was unusual and lavish. Harve was a professional baker until his retirement, and his sourdough bread and French rolls would have sufficed, spread with the sweet butter served. The entire meal was indescribable, and I won't try.

Lila Slaten gives classes in cooking and baking in her own kitchen, furnished with overhead mirrors and modern equipment. She has written three cookbooks with recipes and menus, with benefits to Na-Amat, (formerly Pioneer Women), Sophia Meyers Center and the Kidney Foundation. Her books are *Great Parties and Other Intimate Affairs*, *Other Great Parties and Still More Intimate Affairs* and *Simply Delicious*.

*Simply Delicious* contains menus for all occasions. Lila Slaten's kitchen is the place she loves the most. All of her recipes are tested and practical. They do not require a city-wide search for ingredients. They are adaptable for use in conventional or microwave ovens, and can be altered for demands of special diets.

There are chapters for festive celebrations, secular and Jewish. One chapter heading is "Around the World in Eighty Recipes," others are "Summer Delights," "The Magical Microwave" and "Potpourri for the Creative Cook." The final chapter is "Luscious Endings of Just Desserts."

This was the first course of our dinner at Lila and Harve Slaten's home.

### Quick Lentil Soup

- 1 lb. lentils, rinsed in strainer
- 2 cans vegetable broth
- 4 cups water (or more)
- 2 cups onions, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 1 pkg. onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- Pepper to taste or other herbs
- 1 tsp. Beau Monde seasoning
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine

Place all ingredients in heavy soup pot; cover and simmer for 2 hours until lentils are tender. Soup will become thick. It can be thinned with extra water or wine. Good made a day ahead and reheated. Add salt and pepper if needed before serving. Serves 6-8.

### The next course was Caesar Salad

- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 egg, coddled
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 clove garlic
- Oil (for bowl)
- 2 heads romaine lettuce
- 2 tomatoes
- 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup scallions
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 1 cup croutons
- Snipped mint (1 Tbsp.)

Mix lemon juice with olive oil. Place egg in small pot. Cover with water and bring just to a boil. Remove from heat. Let stand in water for 1 minute only. Remove and refrigerate. Sprinkle wooden bowl with salt and rub with garlic clove. Cut tomatoes into eighths and place in bottom of bowl. Tear romaine into bite-sized pieces and place over tomatoes. Sprinkle with cheese, scallions, mint, pepper, oregano and croutons. Remove softly cooked egg from shell and combine with lemon juice and oil mixture. Blend well. Pour over romaine and toss salad together just before serving. Serves 8.

The above two recipes would be a great beginning for a Shavuot dinner. I suggest you choose your main course, then serve Aunt Hannah's Cheese Braid with coffee for dessert.

This recipe is from the kitchen of Hannah Blumenthal Brown of Atlanta, Ga. Nothing will better grace your Shavuot table, and these cheese braids freeze well.

### Cheese Braids

- Mix together and set aside:
- 2 pkg. dry yeast
- 6 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 cup warm water

- Cream together:
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 3 whole eggs
- 1 cup sour cream

Add 5 cups of sifted flour to yeast mixture. Mix well and put into refrigerator overnight.

One hour before use, remove dough from refrigerator. Divide into 4 parts. Roll each part into rectangle 9 x 12 inches.

### Filling

- 3 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 3 egg yolks
- 7-1/2 Tbsp. sugar
- 3 tsp. vanilla

Beat well in electric mixer. Spread down center of each rectangle of dough, lengthwise. Cut each rectangle with scissors along each side of filling into inch-wide strips. Fold from side to side at an angle across the filling. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes, or until lightly browned.

While still warm, frost with following icing, or sift powdered sugar over tops.

### Icing for 2 Braids

- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. orange juice
- Drizzle over tops

### Illumination

In the morning  
dark clouds obscure  
celestial heights,  
even the air aches  
with heaviness,  
potent, ponderous,  
portentous  
with what is yet to come.

By noon the pillars,  
the cumulous columns,  
shift, revealing  
robin's egg blue  
splattered  
behind the cloud banks.

Near sunset  
a shaft of sunlight,  
a sword slicing downward  
from heaven to earth  
radiates, illuminates,  
momentarily blinding  
the watching world,  
piercing the mortal heart  
with awe.

Today Torah,  
light of the world,  
is given.  
On Shavuot  
heaven stands witness  
for those who watch  
and wait.

Cynthia McVey Chapman

# The Liberation of the Czech Jews

by Mark E. Talisman  
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Mark Talisman

Mark Talisman is director of the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations. He was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the founding vice-chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and currently is a member of its Museum Development Committee.

Mr. Talisman authored the Jackson-Vanik Amendment when he was an administrative assistant to Congressman Charles A. Vanik. In 1968, Mr. Talisman accompanied Rep. Vanik on a trip to his ancestral home outside Prague. They also visited the State Jewish Museum and learned its unique story. Mr. Talisman negotiated for years with the Czechoslovak State authorities for permission to select a major exhibition of Judaic Art representing 1,000 years of Jewish life in Central Europe. The exhibition, known as "The Precious Legacy," under the sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution, opened in 1983 and traveled for three years throughout the United States and Canada.

Having made many trips to Czechoslovakia, Mr. Talisman and his family had the privilege of being in that country in December 1989 during the height of the general and Jewish Community revolutions. His incredible first-hand report which follows will be presented in several installments because of its length.

## Part One

Prague, December 30, 1989—November 17, 1989 will not only go down in history as the time the revolution came to Czechoslovakia but the liberation of the Czech Jews as well. On the following Sunday the Jewish community decided to devise their own course to liberate themselves from the tyranny which had suppressed them.

The drama which unfolded in Josefov (the ancient Jewish town of Prague) began when forty Czech Jews, young and old, gathered in the 16th century Jewish Town Hall, built by a great Jewish leader of the late 16th century, Mordecai Maisel, to air their many grievances against



*Customers at Prague's only Kosher restaurant are delighted with the huge selection of fresh, home-cooked food, available seven days a week, with a special Shabbat Dinner on Friday night. —UJA Press Service Photo by Edward Serotta.*

the two leaders who had been installed with the blessings of the Communist Ministry of Religion, with obvious approval of the "other authorities" which really oversaw such matters.

Mordecai Maisel, the leader of an earlier era, would truly have loved this meeting as it unfolded. Young people told of how they had been spied upon and how they were denounced to the Secret Police by the general secretary of the community. Older people mourned the loss of their once revered community, having seen it instead fall into a Kafkaesque forty-eight months of horror at the hands of their "leaders."

What to do, they asked? They formulated a manifesto which they all signed and then nailed to the outside of the door leading to the Kosher restaurant in the Town Hall for others to read and hopefully sign. In this 'radical' document they demanded that these two leaders resign at once. Before the revolution in the streets of Prague and elsewhere in the Czech lands, such a bold document would have been unthinkable. They were refreshed with their new-

found boldness. Others in the Jewish community lined up to sign the manifesto.

Then reality set in. When confronted with these demands, while the elderly president, Mr. Heller, decided to quit at once, the general secretary, Frantisek Kraus, defiantly refused. At the next regular meeting of the Council of the Jewish Communities of the Czech Lands the following Wednesday, Kraus was formally presented with the manifesto calling for his resignation. Not only did he not resign, he was presented with a formal letter of "commendation" by his colleagues, most of whom had been on the payroll of the community! If only Franz Kafka had been alive to cover the meeting. He would only have had to have been a stenographer to record the ironies. None of his creative writing skills would have been required!

Kraus rushed for political sustenance to his protector, the Ministry of Religion. There, he found the offices all but deserted. When he enquired of the one person he could find, he was told that, under the circumstances of rapid change, he



would do well to rush back to the community, find Dr. Desidir Galsky, the distinguished former leader of the community who had been ousted for being too honest, and beg his forgiveness in the hopes of retaining some form of menial employment, if that were even conceivable under the circumstances!

Kraus did just that. The conversation between Galsky and Kraus, for the time being will have to remain unprinted. The young people were elated. The entire community had risen up in joy. The following Sunday, December 4, 1989, elections were held and Dr. Galsky was returned to the presidency he had so well served before being summarily removed in an infamous 'putsch.' His task now is to unite the proud Jewish community of the Czech lands. Working with the young rabbi, Daniel Myer, an energetic group of devoted Jewish young people who want to know the Hebrew language, literature and actively celebrate in the open the Jewish life cycle, and the core of older people who have survived enormous adversity, Galsky will now have a chance to help this proud community grow and prosper without interference from a hateful government or their equally despicable minions who have finally been thrown out of the Jewish Community.

As usual, in circumstances like this which are being repeated in locally unique ways throughout Central and Eastern Europe, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee will have a pivotal role to play which will help determine the speed with which this community of devoted Jews will succeed in their quest for identity and self-determination. Under this new democratically controlled regime, the Joint will have easy access. (No one surely can forget it was Prague where the distinguished leader of the Joint, Charles Jordan, was assassinated in 1968! No adequate explanation has yet been given as to who was responsible for this heinous crime.)

It will be necessary to provide

their library with Jewish texts for all levels of teaching and learning. It was a "Samizdat" operation, proudly but clandestinely led by Dr. Galsky, which allowed these extraordinary young Jews of Prague to sustain themselves and hundreds of others with the first-time Czech translations of great Hebrew writings during the blackness of the past regime. These included Rashi, handtyped, bound by one of their number, each copy passing among dozens of people. These volumes will join other *Samizdat* publications soon to be exhibited in the museum of the City of Prague so its citizens can now understand the bravery of many people who would not be crushed under the enormous apparatus of oppression afflicting the country since 1968. At once, the Jewish community mirrored and reflected what was occurring in the general com-

munity and many of the young Jews were straddling both worlds with great dignity and courage.

Now, Galsky is reformulating the structure of this small but vital Jewish community. There will be vice presidents appointed from among the array of talented people young and not so young. There will be outreach with Jewish education, music, lectures and outside speakers. The Texas State Chamber Orchestra played on the stage of the 16th Century Town Hall on the 30th of December to a packed enthusiastic audience. It was this stage on which Franz Kafka read his works before they were even sent into the world to be printed and read by others.

Soon, five of the greatest cantors in the world will come to Prague, as they have to other liberated Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, to perform first for the Jewish Com-



Early 20th century photograph of Prague's Altenu Schule exterior (left) and Town Hall with clock tower. Reprinted from "The Precious Legacy."

munity in the Jerusalem synagogue and then in the general community, under the cosponsorship of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Hromatka, a Christian, who proudly offered to do so when Dr. Galsky met with him to discuss a range of issues of mutual concern. Hromatka indicated he soon wanted to visit Israel and asked Galsky to seek details when Galsky journeys on the 6th of January to Jerusalem on his first visit. You see, his travels were proscribed by the government. He certainly was never allowed permission to go to Israel. Now everyone in Czechoslovakia has a passport and is free to travel without receiving any government permission.

Then there is the Foreign Minister, Jiri Dienstbier. A leading signer of Charter 77, he is a close colleague of the newly elected president of Czechoslovakia, Václav Havel, only recently released from the terrible political prison, having been reduced to being a furnace coal stoker. One of his first utterances when appointed to the exalted post of foreign minister of his beloved country was the need to recognize the State of Israel! He asked Dr. Galsky to seek the necessary information to accelerate that process.

### **Ambassador Rita Klimova**

Among the strongest and most impressive leaders of the *Obcanské Forum* (Civic Forum created by Havel, Dienstbier and their colleagues as a vehicle which nurtured the revolution) has been Rita Klimova. Born in Prague, she lived some of her teen years in Brooklyn. She is disarmingly Brooklynesque in her speech as a result. She has been nominated as the new Czechoslovak ambassador to Washington. How refreshing she will undoubtedly be for the diplomatic corps. Clearly she will be the subject and object of long, detailed profiles in newspapers and journals across the United States. She is complicated, fascinating and filled with the stuff which parents only hope to have their prog-

eny aspire to reach in their own lives. To listen to Rita Klimova is to hear the pure lilting voice of freedom. The aspirations for an entire nation are represented in this remarkable person. Incidentally, she is Jewish. She lamented to me, because of the press of forming the new government and seeing to it that the new president would actually be elected and inaugurated, she had been so busy, for the first time in her memory she missed being at the Alteneu Schule (opened in the 13th Century) for the first night of Chanukah!

When congratulations were extended to the new foreign minister, Mr. Dienstbier and the president-elect, Mr. Havel, on having chosen Rita Klimova as their ambassador to Washington, they smiled ever so briefly, then each began to frown and look away. When asked why, they both said simultaneously that while they knew they needed her in Washington, her brilliance and force would be missed terribly in Prague as the hard work of governance gets underway.

### **Visit to Newspaper Office**

A visit to the *Lidové Noviny* was of particular moment. This newspaper was the organ for Havel and his cohorts for years. Its present editor-in-chief and managing editor were just released from jail only three weeks ago, since the bureaucracy moved slowly to find them and fill out the necessary papers. The managing editor still wears his slippers to comfort his jail-weary feet! After the revolution, the newly appointed reformist head of the government agency which had previously banned this once-illegal newspaper was able to approve it instantly.

It was published underground until the second week of December when it published its first real public edition in two colors. It has no presses of its own. It has no offices of its own. It has among the most talented and bright staff of journalists and editors anywhere. A number of its staff is Jewish. It is housed for

the time being in the offices of the Agricultural Publishing House right near the statue of Wenceslas where the revolution began and where the students man their desks 24 hours a day even now seeking signatures on their petitions of support. So they are not far from their spiritual home.

This serious newspaper is without computers, recording equipment or printing apparatus. Even the telephones are dead. Even their own experts on bugging and de-bugging cannot figure why their phones are not working. Yet the first edition is out and everyone is seen reading it on benches, in the Metro or as they walk down the Wenceslas outside their offices.

Theirs are thought pieces. They ended up talking with this writer for over three hours questing for information of diverse interest. They wanted to know all about "The Precious Legacy" exhibition which I had been intimately involved with for over 15 years. (This was an extensive exhibition of over 350 Judaic objects from the Jewish Museums of Prague which was cosponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and The Project Judaica Foundation which visited 10 cities in the United States and Canada). They were knowledgeable people who were fascinated with the story of the exhibition since they had never read a line about it in any Czech newspaper during the entire five years of its creation and display. No wonder! That government would never allow any stories about a Jewish exhibition in the local papers and quashed any hope of any normal activities surrounding the exhibition at any time.

Now it is possible to reveal without harm to anyone, that over 15 other countries wanted to have the exhibition but were refused by the government of Czechoslovakia. Negotiations are almost complete to revive aspects of the exhibit to travel to Israel and other countries in the very near future. How things have already changed for the better!

(to be continued)



# Kibbitzing—Community News

## Plans Underway for Construction of a Mikvah at Duke University

by Edward C. Halperin, M.D.

Plans are now underway for the construction, on the Duke University campus, of a Center for Jewish Life. This lovely building will be situated on Campus Drive between Oregon and Alexander Streets. Designed by a New York architectural firm, the building will contain a sanctuary, a multiple purpose room, milk and meat kitchens, a dining room, offices and a lounge.

There has been considerable interest shown by the community concerning the building because the plans for the Center for Jewish Life include the construction of a Kosher Mikvah. Throughout Jewish history the Mikvah (ritual pool, literally "gathering of waters") has been an important symbol of ritual purity and communal oneness. The Mikvah is used in the fulfillment of the Taharah H'amispah (the laws of family purity), the ritual of conversion, preparation for Yom Kippur, and the Kashering of dishes.

The funds for the Mikvah construction have been provided by generous Duke Alumni. Members of the Durham-Chapel Hill communities are assuming the cost for the periodic maintenance of the Mikvah. Members of the community have established, in conjunction with the Board of Directors for the Center of Jewish Life, an endowment fund to generate the funds for this routine maintenance.

The Mikvah will be open to all parts of the Jewish community and will, therefore, exist as a superior example of community unity. All contributions, of any size, are welcome. We hope that the Mikvah will receive broad-based support from all segments of the community. Tax-exempt donations, made out to the Duke University Center for Jew-

ish Life, Mikvah Fund, may be sent to Dr. Judith Ruderman, Office of Continuing Education, Bishop's House, East Campus, Duke University, Durham, N.C. 27710.

## Historical Society Seeks Grant Requests, Student Essays

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is accepting 1990 grant requests toward the completion of books on the Southern Jewish experience and to works in other media, such as exhibits, films or videocassettes. The Society also announces its second annual competition for the best paper dealing with Southern Jewry by a current graduate or undergraduate college student.

Grant proposals will not exceed \$2,500 per year. The award(s) will be presented during the Society's annual conference November 3-4 in Jackson, Miss.

The \$500 B. H. Levy Student Essay Prize honors the memory of the late B. H. Levy of Savannah, Ga., a scholar of Southern Jewish history and a founder of the Society. The winner will be invited to read the winning essay at the Society's annual conference.

Grant committee members are: Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Appalachian State University (N.C.); Dr. Mark Baumann, Atlanta Metropolitan College; and Society members Dr. Jeffrey Cohn, Birmingham, Ala., Anne Hanaw, New Orleans, and Rachel Heimovics, Longwood, Fla. Essay judges are: Dr. Henry Green, University of Miami; Dr. Stuart Knee, University of Charleston; and Dr. Pamela Nadell, American University.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization. Its purpose is to support, collect, preserve and popularize the history of Jews in the South.

For more information about the grant awards or the essay contest,

contact Society President Rachel Heimovics, 20 Old Post Road, Longwood, Fla. 32779; (407) 333-0532.

## In Memory of Yetta Leder Whiteville, N.C.

Yetta Leinwand Leder of Whiteville, N.C. died February 13, 1990. She was a native of New York City, daughter of the late Samuel and Esther Leinwand.

Yetta Leder was the wife of Julian Herman Leder and co-owner of Leder Brothers Department Store, and was very active in the family business for many years.

She was an untiring worker for Jewish causes, and also in the community at large. She served as president of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women (NCAJW) several times and on its board of directors for many years.

Yetta and Herman Leder were married almost 60 years. Together they worked diligently for the Blumenthal Jewish Home at Clemmons, N.C. Yetta was at the meeting of NCAJW during which the first plans for the Home were begun. For 20 years they visited the Home frequently, during which time Herman served on its board of directors and Yetta was a devoted worker in many capacities.

Yetta was also a member of Hadassah, the Whiteville Business and Professional Women's Club and Order of the Eastern Star. The Leders are members of B'nai Israel Synagogue in Wilmington and the Beth Israel Center in Whiteville.

Their children are Mrs. Margie Leder Harris of Cherry Hill, N.J.; Mrs. Shirley Leder Osterneck of Lumberton, N.C.; Ms. Brenda I. Leder of Atlanta; Paul M. Leder and Robert B. Leder of Whiteville. There are 13 grandchildren.

This dedicated and well known lady will be greatly missed by the Jewish communities of the Carolinas.

**Joseph Jay Kline**  
**1930 - 1990**  
**Kensington, Md.**

Joseph Jay Kline, age 60, of Kensington, Md., born and raised in New Bern, N.C. passed away March 22, 1990.

Joseph Kline was the son of the late Ida Lipman and Benjamin H. Kline. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1952 with a major in accounting.

Following his graduation he moved to the Washington, D.C. area and joined the General Accounting office from which he retired as group director in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Wilma Abrams Kline of Kensington, Md.; two children, Benjamin H. Kline of McClean, Va. and Sandra Sherman of Sterling, Va.; a granddaughter, Paula Rebecca Sherman; a sister, Sara Bernstein of Conway, S.C.

**Temple Emanu-El**  
**Myrtle Beach, S.C.**  
**by Lorraine Wachter**

Construction began the last week in March on our building expansion and renovation project and is expected to last for three months. In the meantime, Sabbath services are being held at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base chapel at the regular times of 8 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Visitors to the Beach who join us on Shabbat

can get easiest directions to the chapel at the South Gate of the base. The Temple Emanu-El community looks forward to welcoming its members and its many vacationing guests at the "new" synagogue some time in June.

Religious School students of Temple Emanu-El were joined by their parents for a model Seder on April 1, led by Rabbi Kesner. The tables were lovely with all the Seder foods, and the children enjoyed this fun and informal "rehearsal" with their friends in anticipation of the first night of Pesach.

Sisterhood hosted the annual Community Seder at the Radisson Resort, also led by the Rabbi. As a service project, Sisterhood published and distributed a cookbook of favorite Passover recipes collected from our members.

**Agudas Israel**  
**Hendersonville, N.C.**

A Passover Seder was held on April 9. Coming events include a dinner-dance to be held in July, a performance by *Viva Klezmer* on July 29 and a bus trip to Blowing Rock on August 15.

Agudas Israel Brotherhood will hold breakfasts on May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9.

Morris Kaplan is president of Agudas Israel. Tobie Heller is president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Bob Patterson is president of Brotherhood.

**Carolina Agency for Jewish Education**  
**by Lenora Stein**

Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) announces two programs of interest.

Dr. Isa Aron, associate professor of Jewish Education at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, will conduct a workshop on Jewish Family Education, "We Are Family. . ."

This Lunch 'n Learn workshop will be held on Sunday, June 10 at Shalom Park in Charlotte from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The workshop is FREE for teachers of CAJE member schools. FREE Kosher dairy lunch is also available for CAJE members and teachers of CAJE member schools.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, June 7. Reply to CAJE, 1727 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, (704) 366-1948.

In conjunction with the Charlotte Jewish Federation, CAJE is sponsoring the annual Honor the Teachers of our Jewish Schools in Charlotte on Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m. at Shalom Park. There will be an assembly of all the Jewish schools. Special entertainment, awards and prizes will be on the program which is open to the community.

**Temple Israel**  
**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**by Laura Knight**

Educator Dr. Isa Aron and Middle East expert Dr. Kenneth Stein will be visiting Charlotte. Dr. Stein, director of the Carter Institute for International Studies in Atlanta, will make a presentation in early June. Shortly after that, Dr. Aron, assistant professor of education at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and a proponent of the "enculturation" method of Jewish education, will conduct a series of workshops for teachers, parents and congregants, and the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE). The parent and congregant workshop will be held

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following a light dinner at 6 p.m. on June 10. Please contact the Temple office at 376-2796 for further details on both Dr. Stein's and Dr. Aron's visits.

Temple Israel has initiated monthly "Tot Shabbats" on select Saturday mornings. Led by parent volunteers and Programming and Outreach Director Roz Cooper, the programs feature age-appropriate prayers, games, songs and hands-on activities for children ages 2-7 years. Babysitting for infants is available with advance notice. Upcoming Tot Shabbats are scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-Noon on May 12, June 2 and July 2, and are open to non-members as well as congregants. Please join us!

### **Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Fran Hirschel**

Most significant among recent events at Temple Beth El V'Shalom is the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of our rabbi, Robert A. Seigel. The Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion has conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. While technically an honorary degree, the Doctor of Divinity is conferred by the Institute on certain members of each ordination class only upon the 25th anniversary of their ordination, and only on those whom the Board of Governors and the President of Hebrew Union College deem worthy. Each honoree is presented with a uniquely worded certificate which highlights the contribution made by that particular rabbi. Our rabbi was honored for his role in the promotion of human rights and interfaith cooperation.

While we congregants at Temple Beth El V'Shalom recognize and appreciate (though not nearly often enough) the work that Rabbi Seigel does and the impact that he has on our lives, the recognition of his peers and his teachers that he is not only fulfilling his role but excelling in his profession is indeed gratifying for us and a milestone for him.

Since this degree was conferred based on 25 years of service as a rabbi, it is appropriate to consider Rabbi Seigel's activities in the areas of human rights and interfaith cooperation during the past 25 years. Before his ordination, he spent a year in Israel studying and attempting to ameliorate the clash of cultures resulting from the resettlement of Moroccan Jews in Israel. Back in the States he served as field work supervisor for social workers at the Yeshiva University School of Social

Work. He became extensively involved with urban youth, serving in such different capacities as social worker to street gangs and chaplain for the "Chicago Seven." In the turbulent sixties he founded "Voters for Peace and Clergy Concerned about Viet Nam."

Since then, he has continued to focus his attention on interfaith relations and improving the human condition, founding the "Alliance to End Repression," a joint Jewish committee on urban problems, and being

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active in various interfaith organizations in Rochester, New York and Chicago, Ill. In addition, he served as consultant to the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions and as official Jewish Observer to the Catholic-Protestant Ecumenical Feasibility Study. Closer to home, Rabbi Seigel has served as President of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association and Vice President of Mecklenburg Ministries. We are proud to have him as our rabbi and our representative in the community, and we share his joy on receiving this honor.

Rabbi Seigel and several members of our congregation had only recently returned from Israel at the time he received his degree. Two young men from our congregation, Richard Rubin and Adam Olsham, became B'nai Mitzvah in a service

on Mount Masada. In addition, Al and Peggy Rovman renewed their marriage vows, and the rabbi officiated at the conversion ceremony of one of our members, also at Masada. The members of the tour have formed a new Chavurah, or family group, to retain the bonds experienced on their visit to Israel. Part of the group continued on to Cairo, and felt such a warm welcome and friendship that Rabbi Seigel stated he could no longer view the Israeli-Arab situation in the same light.

In addition to the young men who celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah in Israel, we would like to congratulate Seth Horner and Marc Resnik on the occasion of their B'nai Mitzvah, and welcome them all to our temple family.

## Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, at Hebrew Union College in New York City on March 20. The award was in recognition of the Rabbi's contribution to Judaism and the Jewish people during the past quarter century.

Temple Emanuel honored Rabbi Liebschutz's 25 years of service at the Shabbat service on April 13. The speaker was Rabbi Richard Sternberger, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rabbi.

The entire community of Winston-Salem has benefited from Rabbi Liebschutz's commitment to a harmonious relationship and understanding among all faiths. One example of this was the Third Annual Clergy Institute held on April 19 at Temple Emanuel under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council. The principal speaker was Michael Wyschogrod, Professor and Chairman of the Philosophy Department at Baruch College of the City University of New York. He has written extensively on existentialism, phenomenology, and philosophy of religion and is one of the principal

Jewish spokespersons in the international Jewish-Christian dialogue.

On March 18, twenty-two members of the congregation participated in the Jewish Community Council's "Mission to Israel" under the leadership of Paul and Linda Beerman. Paul Beerman is the President of the Council in Winston-Salem. The local group joined others from the Southeast Region of Jewish Federations.

The Jewish Community Council held a meeting on March 14 at Temple Emanuel to discuss "Operation Exodus" and the possibility of resettling two Soviet Jewish refugee families in Winston-Salem. A decision will be made within the month.

The sounds of Hebraic music have enriched our lives the past several months. On February 9, Ray Ebert and the temple choir presented a sermon in song celebrating the history of the Reform movement. James Houlik, saxophonist of the North Carolina School of the Arts, performed during the Jewish music Shabbat service on March 23. Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service," based on the Union Prayer Book, was performed in Hebrew at the Steven's Center on April 7.

Students of grades 5-9 in the Sunday School participated in an Aids Workshop on March 18. Members of the panel were Dr. Peter Leone from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Department of Infectious Diseases, Fran Thull and Rabbi Liebschutz.

The traditional Sisterhood Torah Convocation and service for the eighth day of Passover covered the topic "Liberal Judaism Confronts the Modern World."

Sisterhood continues the book discussion series led by Andrew Ettin. On May 10, "The Late Divorce" by A. B. Yehoshua will be reviewed. And the "Celebrations!" series will come to a close for this year on June 23 with a potluck pool party at the home of Neil and Pamela Wolfman.

*Fiddler's Favorites*, the cookbook compiled and published by Sisterhood members, has received favor-



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Andrew Ettin has contributed much time and knowledge to Temple Emanuel for many years functioning in a "rabbinic aide-like" capacity. This summer, he will attend the UAHC's training program for rabbinic aides at Camp Kurtz in Warwick, N.Y. to further add to his learning and ability to assist the congregation.

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

### Shabbat Friendship Circle

The March 3 meeting, the fourth in a series on "A Contemporary View of the Torah," was addressed by Shirley Berdie, who ably presented the D'var Torah on "Terumah," Exodus 25:1-27:19, the portion concerning building the Ark and the Sanctuary. Les and Muriel Mark were responsible for the refreshments.

### The Sisterhood

On March 12, following the Sisterhood luncheon, Henry Meyers spoke on little-known facts about the Jewish presence in Europe from the beginning of the Christian era. Mr. Meyers is Chairman Emeritus of the Center for Jewish Studies at UNCA and Vice Chairman of the State ADL Board. His appearance was planned by Ruth Weber, Sisterhood Program Chairperson.

Among the traditional treats at the Temple Seder on April 9 were Bob Janowitz's famous Matzah Balls, enjoyed by all. As usual, the Seder was arranged by the Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood Sabbath in May was planned to honor new Beth ha-Tephila members.

### "Ask the Rabbi"

An informal session of questions, answers and discussion headed by Rabbi Bluming was held on March 16 following services. Among other subjects, that of Jewish funeral services was touched on, and although some found the topics disturbing, others viewed it with interest.

### The Religious School

A strong effort is being made by the Jewish National Fund—and by our own Religious School—to encourage the purchase of trees for planting in Israel. Religious School Principal Phyllis Bluming says, "One tree costs \$7.00 and is a lovely way to remember or honor someone special."

The fourth annual Religious School celebration of Israel Independence Day, Yom Haatzmaut, was scheduled for the last Sunday in April, at Beth ha-Tephila. The celebration has been held alternately at our Congregation and at Beth Israel Synagogue.

### Help for the Russians

Steps are being taken to assist the new Russian families expected in

Asheville. Shirley Berdie is co-chairperson, representing the Temple, of the Resettlement Committee; Frank Gilreath is chairperson of the Furnishing Committee. The call has gone out for volunteers.

### New Members

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## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

**by Lillian R. Wellisch**

On February 25, the Southeastern Region of the United Synagogue of America had a Leadership Training Institute in Atlanta. A delegation from Beth Israel, which included Synagogue President William Lewin, Dr. Bruce Ribner, Morris Tenenbaum, Bob Deutsch and Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, attended the conference. They exchanged ideas with other lay people and rabbis from Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina, and came away with a wonderful experience of Jewish togetherness.

Members, with their families, shared with Rabbi Birnham and his wife, Sara, an evening of "Megillah Madness," March 10. The evening was complete with most congregants in costumes, tasty Purim goodies and noisemakers. A Purim parade, led by a grand marshal, and a costume contest rounded out the fun evening.

On March 13, the Rabbi's Study Group resumed, and the topic centered on life and death and the Messiah. Another Rabbi's Study Group was held on March 20. On Friday night, March 23, we had our monthly family service.

Sisterhood members participated in the Annual Sisterhood Shabbat, held the weekend of March 30 and 31. Sisterhood was proud to announce that Nettie (Mrs. Sam) Slosman was selected to be this year's "Light of Torah" person for Beth Israel Sisterhood. A gold leaf on the Tree of Life in the vestibule will be engraved in her honor and an Oneg Shabbat held in her honor will be sponsored by her family on her return from Florida. A "Light of Torah" plaque from the Southeast Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be presented to Nettie at the annual convention of Women's League in early May, at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Ruth Gaynes gave the D'var Torah Friday night, and Dr. Ileana Grams delivered a talk on Saturday morning. Sara (Mrs. Rabbi)

Birnham chanted the Haftorah.

Mazel Tov to Lee Schandler and Bernard Gordon on the recent announcement of their engagement.

And for some final exciting news, Asheville will be the first town of its size to resettle two Soviet Jewish families in the very near future. The Jewish Community Relations Committee is busy with plans to be ready for their resettlement. At this time, participants on this committee from Beth Israel are: Rabbi Birnham and his wife Sara, Geoff and Elissa Brown, Bob Deutsch, Lyn Dunn, Stan and Sue Greenberg, Richard Harrison, William Lewin, Stephen Lurey, Liz Nigrosh, Dr. Bruce Ribner, Ken Schapira, David Seidenberg, Laurie Teich and Lillian Wellisch. The entire community, of course, will be involved. We are looking forward to the arrival of the two families.

## **B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Estelle Goozner**

The Charlotte Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women held its annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon, March 7 at Shalom Park.

Penny Eisenberg announced that one million Jews wish to emigrate from the Soviet Union, because of anti-Semitism like that in Germany in pre-Nazi times. 40,000 are expected to come to America, including the 20,000 who are in temporary shelters in Italy by Sept. 1990. We expect seven families to come to Charlotte by the end of the summer. Others will come later. Volunteers are needed to take them to work, to shop, to the bank, to make phone calls, etc.

The luncheon consisted of delicacies from the Bagel Works, followed by a Menorah-lighting ceremony by Lorrie Klemons. The candles depicted Justice, Service, Peace, Truth, Harmony, Benevolence and Brotherly Love, themes for which BBW stands.

We gained many new members, and have 56 life members. Those present received long-stemmed car-

nations. They were Elizabeth Klein, G. G. Kosch, Margie Liebshtein, Rosaline Mann, Jody Pinion, Nettie Smith, Iris Spil, Elkie Tulman and Sally Winokuer.

The program was Jewish Mothering in the '90s. Susan Rabinowich told about her young children, and Lois Benjamin told of her teen-age and college-age children.

On March 13, BBW invited parents of school children to the Grady Cole Center to hear the exciting introduction of *Parentlink*, Charlotte's newest offensive in the war on drugs. Lonise Bias, mother of the late Len Bias, former University of Maryland basketball star, was guest speaker. Those attending learned how they can become involved in *Parentlink's* communication network.

Beth Linderman is chairwoman of the drug project. She states, "Our major goal is to educate parents. We want PTAs to be involved in promoting drug education and self-esteem in elementary schools. We feel the best way to prevent drug use is for parents to get their heads out of the sand and realize drugs aren't something that just happens to kids from the projects downtown or the very wealthy. We want to make parents realize it can happen in their family. We talk about signs to look for and not to ignore them."

BBW assisted in the Mental Health Fair at Eastland Mall on February 11.

We still work at "Eyes for the Needy," any old prescription eye glasses. Please bring them to Temple Israel or Temple Beth El V'Shalom.

The Amblyopia committee headed by Pearl Hyman is still busy testing children at schools. Janine Rosner and committee were active in the Special Olympics on April 12.

The new slate of officers was accepted by the membership, and Installation was held April 4 at the new Providence Country Club.

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## Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah prepared Passover Baskets during the end of March for distribution in April. These baskets were truly lovely, thanks to the hard work and monetary contributions of Randy DeFilipp. Halailah thanks Randy for her contributions to this cause throughout the year. A special thanks goes to the Harris Teeter in Providence Square for its contributions to our Passover Baskets this year. On April 17, we sponsored an afternoon tea and baby shower for Hunter House. Gifts were presented to both mothers and children, and refreshments were served. Many thanks to Eileen Darholt for coordinating this event.

Installation of new officers was held at Wan Fu on April 24. Halailah welcomes the following new officers: President, Linda Spil; Vice Presidents-Administrative, Debbie Palefsky; CVS, Jenny Snyder; Membership, Jan Weiner and Cheri Titlebaum; Fundraising, Kaye Yaffe and Beverly Eisenoff; Communications, Lisa Wohl; Treasurer, Michele Perlmutter; Financial Secretary, Janet Gorelick; Recording Secretary, Lisa Pharr; Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Darholt; Bulletin Editor, Eileen Darholt and Peggy Cohn.

We thank the outgoing officers for all of their hard work throughout the year. Under the leadership of this fine group of new officers, Halailah's future looks very bright. Mazel Tov to all!

New Board Members will participate in a Board Inservice on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Claire Putterman. Gail Robinson will be our guest for this event. A board retreat will be held on June 24. Look for details to be announced soon.

Halailah continues its commitment to Soviet Jewry with Operation Exodus, a project assisting families immigrating to Charlotte. We are maintaining a list of volunteers for this project. We are also setting up an apartment for one family. If you are interested in getting involved

in this project, contact Jenny Snyder at 845-1394.

## 1991 ARI Program in Israel

Registration is now open for the 11-week session of *Active Retirees in Israel* from Jan. 21 to March 20, 1991. Participants will spend Tu b'Shevat and Purim in Israel and return home for Passover. They will be based in Netanya for the volunteer-study-travel experience, with the opportunity to volunteer mornings in a hospital, JNF forest, kibbutz, school or facility for the elderly and handicapped, while learning Hebrew during afternoons.

Evenings are filled with social and cultural activities. Sightseeing is conducted with guides. ARI is open to those over 50 years of age who are in good health and members of B'nai B'rith.

For information contact B'nai B'rith Israel Commission-ARI, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

## B'nai B'rith Leaders Meet at Pinehurst

by Ken Stern

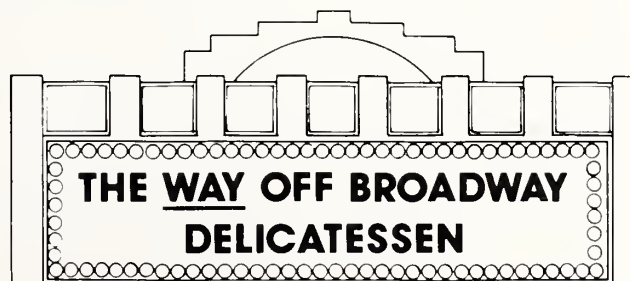
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Members of the North and South Carolina B'nai B'rith State Associations recently held a weekend Leadership Retreat at the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club. The theme for this year's workshop was Communications, with sessions including *Effective Speaking*, *How to Run a Meeting*, and *Creative Advertising*. A session on the history of B'nai B'rith produced a lively debate on the current issues confronting the organization, including membership, the New Vision (future focus) and the current BBI/BBW split. Another lively and successful session was "The Three Sons," an interactive role-playing exercise in which group members decided which of three surviving Jewish sons is worthy of inheriting a "fortune."

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provided attendees with an overview of skills that could be applied in both a business environment and in performing volunteer work. Attendees rated the weekend as excellent. Included were accommodations at the Pinehurst Hotel, a prime rib dinner, and Pinehurst's renowned buffet breakfast, as well as a hospitality suite where attendees met after the evening sessions for conversation, food and a variety of games. Twenty people were in attendance at the weekend, representing nine lodges in North and South Carolina. Dignitaries included District Past-Presidents Harry Rulnick (Fayetteville) and Bernard Friedman (Columbia).



*Leadership Retreat; Left to right: (Bottom) Bernard Friedman, Joe Rex, Betty Deutsch, Richard Deutsch, Dolph Gluck (Second row) Ken Stern, Larry Horowitz, David Lovit, Irwin Manes, Mike Yaffe, Steve Leder (Third row) Richard Davis, Harold Kornblut, Bruce Baer, Mark Sloan, Scott Gorelick (Top) Cary Kosten, Bernie Rabunsky, Gary Mendelsohn.*

## Marshall Rauch Inducted into National Noel Hall of Fame

Marshall Rauch, chairman, chief executive officer and founder of Rauch Industries Inc., a Gastonia-based manufacturer of Christmas tree ornaments and related products, was inducted into the NOEL Association's first Hall of Fame, February 15, 1990. Rauch Industries is the nation's oldest satin and glass ornament manufacturer and one of North Carolina's fastest-growing companies.

NOEL, the National Ornament and Electric Lights Christmas Association, established the Hall of Fame to honor outstanding professional accomplishments for the Christmas decorations industry. Rauch, one of only three entrants into the Hall of Fame, was inducted because of his innovative and creative accomplishments in the industry.

Marshall Rauch was cited at the Hall of Fame induction for his leadership strengths, perseverance, creativity and meritorious service to the industry. Currently, Rauch serves North Carolina as a state senator, where he is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

## Wilmington Police Chief Attends Conference in Israel

BEN GURION AIRPORT, Israel—Police Chief Darryl Bruestle of Wilmington is seen departing from Israel where he participated in March at the first conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police to be held outside North America. Chief Bruestle joined 12 police department heads from seven American states, all members of the Board of Directors of the Police Association, who took part in the conference and study tour of Israel.

"A truly educational experience, and a wonderful view of a fascinating land," the North Carolina visitor said of the visit. The group had an opportunity also to obtain an insight into "the highly professional work of the Israeli police," he noted.

"We met many friendly people, and I felt perfectly at home everywhere," he said. "Our visit to the holy sites was especially moving."

The conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police was conducted in Israel with the cooperation of the Israel National Police and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.



*Ben Tzion Groner recites the Four Questions in Yiddish at the Lubavitch Day School Model Seder in Charlotte.*

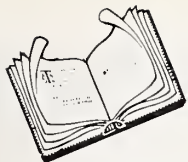


*Roberta Malickson helps youngsters at Lubavitch Model Matzah Bakery in Charlotte.*

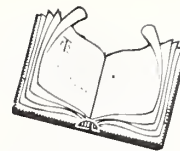


*Young bakers hard at work at Lubavitch bakery.*





# Book Reviews



**Spinoza and Other Heretics**  
by Yirmiyahu Yovel  
Princeton University Press Vol. I  
244 pp. \$24.50, Vol. II 225 pp. \$29.50  
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This new account of the life and philosophy of Baruch Spinoza has fascinated Israelis. Originally written in Hebrew, it is now available to us in English, offering the Marrano background of Spinoza and explaining the details of his philosophy.

Spinoza's philosophy was due to his experience and that of his forefathers. He was a master of multiple languages and a seeker of salvation in a new way, through a religion of reason. He lived from 1632 to 1677, and was one of the earliest modern people, with his ideas of separation of church and state and of security and liberty as the proper goals of the nation state.

Since medieval Judaism prescribed actions and no opinions, he had no alternatives within Judaism. In ancient Israel, religion was inherently political; so was the kind of religion Spinoza advocated. Yovel states that Judaism thus is the bearer of human progress.

Volume I, *The Marrano of Reason*, gives the history of the Jews in Spain and Portugal during the Inquisition and the story of some noted Marranos and Conversos of the time, followed by the story of Spinoza and an explanation of his philosophy which is understandable and well researched. At last the reader believes he is acquainted with the mind of the person whose name has long been known with scant information on the reasons for his influence on later philosophers.

Volume II, *The Adventures of Immanence*, tells of that influence on Goethe, Kant, Hegel, Heine, Marx, Freud, Einstein and others. The revolution in thinking initiated by Spinoza made Jewish history the model for world history that would follow.

Zionists regarded him as their fore-runner.

It is lamentable that Spinoza was excommunicated by the Jewish community for his unorthodox beliefs. Today he would live comfortably among us in the United States or in Israel, but in his day "the Gentiles were generous enough to grant him the title of Jew, of which the Jews had deprived him."

A third volume of Spinoza is being written by Yirmiyahu Yovel, a leading native born Israeli philosopher. He was educated at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, the Sorbonne in Paris and Princeton University. He has written several books, of which Spinoza is his favorite subject. He writes political commentary, has been host of Israel's TV show, *The Third Hour*, dealing with social problems and important issues. He is recognized as a scholar engaged in public affairs.

He is fluent in Hebrew and English, articulate in French and conversant in German, reads Spanish, copes with Latin and is infatuated with Italian. His love of language has enabled him to give us this great insight into the life and philosophy of Spinoza.

## Interfaith Liturgy for Holocaust Memorial

A new interfaith liturgy for use at Holocaust memorial services is now available from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The publication, *From Desolation to Hope*, was written by Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of ADL's Interfaith Affairs Department, and Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, executive secretary for Catholic-Jewish relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Send \$3.45 to ADL Publications Dept., 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, for the booklet.

## The Healer of Shattered Hearts

by David J. Wolpe  
Henry Holt and Co. 192 pp. \$18.95

"In a profound, often lyrical rethinking of Jewish faith," (*Publishers Weekly*) David J. Wolpe, a young Conservative rabbi, "guides doubtful seekers yearning for a personal relationship with a caring God."

Describing belief as an existential choice, Wolpe offers intellectual stimulation as well as comfort. With the prompting of the great rabbinic thinkers both ancient and modern, Wolpe argues that "myth, mysticism and Midrash have their place" and he unfurls a "vision of God rooted in a sense of encounter and wonder, of responsibility and beauty." As he observes, "Sometimes in the timbre of ancient voices, we hear the tones of forgotten truth and are reminded of lost perspectives."

Dipping often into the wellspring of poetic imagery and thought found in the Midrash or Talmudic legends, Wolpe illuminates an image of the faith of the Rabbis and explores how this can be translated in our own time, helping us to find a Jewish God who cherishes our existence and welcomes the dialogue that comes through prayer.

*The Healer of Shattered Hearts* is a rare and moving work based on the Talmudic tradition. It balances inspiration and information in a style that is both scholarly and accessible, compassionate and humane.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the University of Judaism, David J. Wolpe was ordained as a Conservative Rabbi by The Jewish Theological Seminary in 1987. Rabbi Wolpe, who has also studied at the University of Edinburgh and Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is the director of the Ostrow Library at the University of Judaism.

## Rootie Kazootie

by Lawrence Naumoff

Farrar, Straus and Giroux 281 pp.  
\$18.95

Lawrence Naumoff of Carrboro, N.C. has written another unusual novel set in the Durham/Chapel Hill area.

*Rootie Kazootie* brilliantly illuminates the promises and pitfalls of love: what we hope to gain from love, and the strategies we adopt to overcome the barriers raised by modern life. Each of the three major characters in this story of a marriage under stress—husband, wife and the other woman—has some sense of what love should offer. But it is Caroline, the wife, who holds the purest vision and most passionately pursues it.

To Caroline, the rich and recently divorced Cynthia represents all that is wrong with the modern world: selfish ambition, deceit and the valuing of things more than people. Cynthia herself is aware that something is missing in her life. When she reaches for Caroline's husband, however, Caroline responds with a fury that is both astounding and hilarious. She takes the kind of direct action that the rest of us, fettered by convention, only dream about. Going straight for the jugular in what may be one of the most comic scenes in modern literature, Caroline smashes a tractor into Cynthia's house and later beats her up in her front yard. Caroline's attempts to reawaken in her husband, Richard, the tender and passionate love that defines her world are maddening, funny, poignant and, ultimately, winning. Caroline is trying to preserve not only her marriage but also a childhood world of innocence, wonder and delight—the lost Eden we all, at some level, long for.

Lawrence Naumoff, whose first novel, *The Night of the Weeping Women*, has been translated into foreign languages, received rave reviews for *Rootie Kazootie* in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and many Carolinas newspapers.

## Intifada: The Palestinian Uprising—Israel's Third Front

by Ze'ev Schiff and Ehud Ya'ari  
Simon & Schuster 352 pp. \$22.95

From Israel's premier reporting team comes *Intifada*, the inside story of the Palestinian uprisings in Israel's occupied territories that have forever altered the Middle East equation.

Ze'ev Schiff and Ehud Ya'ari, who have been guests on The MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour and Nightline, make the controversial case for a promptly negotiated settlement to the Palestinian crisis, involving the Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians.

Without a solution, contend Schiff and Ya'ari, the *intifada* will continue to endanger Israel's democratic values, encourage extremists on both sides of the conflict and threaten the overall prospects for peace.

Drawing on first-hand observations, confidential documents and high-level sources in Israel, the Arab world and the U.S., the authors explain why the rebellion broke out. They tell how the PLO desperately and unsuccessfully tried to control the wildfire and harness it to serve its own end.

The authors also examine the bitter disagreement about the *intifada* within Israel that threatens to destroy the country's political fabric and its democratic traditions. They also make vivid the international drama in reaction to the *intifada*.

"The *intifada*," the authors write, "need not necessarily go down in the annals of Middle Eastern history as but another tragic chapter of the Israeli-Arab conflict. . . It has set the Israelis and the Palestinians at a fateful junction where they must choose between striving toward compromise or continuing to batter each other in an endless round of mutual attrition." They go on to suggest a detailed outline for a workable settlement.

Ze'ev Schiff is the military correspondent for *Ha'aretz*, Israel's most prestigious daily. He is the coauthor of *Israel's Lebanon War*, *The Year of the Dove*,

*Fedayeen*, and *The Lexicon of Israeli Defense*. Ehud Ya'ari covers Middle East affairs for Israeli television and is coauthor of *Israel's Lebanon War* and *The Year of the Dove*.

## Jewish Clues to Your Health and Happiness

by Sidney J. Jacobs and Betty J. Jacobs

Jacobs Ladder Publications,  
Culver City, Cal. 142 pp. \$10.95  
paperback

reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This is a "how to" book, giving advice on how to be happy, subscribing to the theory that within Judaism one finds guidelines for a fulfilling life. The authors quote Biblical and rabbinic sources which endorse values that enrich one's life.

Specific examples are offered of how individuals cope with problems which confront them. General suggestions attempt to direct us to sane and healthy living.

Vegetarianism is one strong recommendation by the authors for our bodily health and the good of the planet. Exercise and various abstinence are encouraged.

The reader is repeatedly reminded that Judaism teaches enjoyment of life fully, and that people are required to act responsibly in coping with challenges.

Sidney J. Jacobs, M.A.H.L., D.D., is a rabbi and journalist. He was a valedictory graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, wrote for the Chicago City News Bureau and was an editor in Chicago and Los Angeles. He received his rabbinical ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and has led congregations in Illinois, Minnesota and California.

Betty J. Jacobs, M.A., is professor of communications at West Los Angeles College in California. She is a media consultant and free-lance writer and has received awards for television writing and production. She served as director of broadcasting for the Chicago Board of Rabbis



and produced more than 600 television programs of Jewish content.

Together, the authors have written *Clues About Jews For People Who Aren't* and *122 Clues for Jews Whose Children Intermarry*. Rabbi Jacobs is author of the 1982 *Jewish World Book*.

## What's So Bad about Guilt?

by Harlan J. Wechsler, Ph.D.

Simon & Schuster 223 pp. \$18.95

"Feeling guilty is the beginning," says Rabbi Wechsler. Feeling guilty is the source of powerful behaviors and of the deepest levels motivating change. But there is good guilt and bad guilt. Psychological guilt, feeling guilty, is a desirable necessity of human existence wherein feelings of wrongdoing send messages to the conscience, and conscience transforms this unbalanced state of affairs into an action plan that can restore the soul's equilibrium. Ontological guilt, being guilty, breeds the compelling and troubling certainty that human existence is built on an evil foundation, that we are bad. It arises where evil itself is understood to be a part of the essential fabric of being. Ontological guilt is not constructive and must be completely destroyed.

In *What's So Bad about Guilt?* Rabbi Wechsler shows us how to oppose ontological guilt. He teaches us that we should stop striving for perfection, for if we expect perfection and don't receive it we assume we must have a fatal flaw. Rather, we should expect imperfection. Then, when we feel guilty, we will not become depressed at the unchangeable flaws with which we have been created. "For there is a purpose to this gnawing, existential feeling of inadequacy that guilt causes," Rabbi Wechsler stresses, "Its purpose is to cause each human being to change. To be better. To repent."

Rabbi Wechsler illustrates how we can start over again, renewed, if we repent. And he shows us the five "R's" of repentance:

1. *Remorse*: Thou shalt. . . feel bad and be remorseful about what you have done.
2. *Recantation*: Thou shalt. . . turn feelings into words and confess your sins.
3. *Renunciation*: Thou shalt. . . willfully renounce your wrongdoings, removing them from your feelings and thoughts and deciding not to commit them again.
4. *Resolution*: Thou shalt. . . resolve to follow a better path in the future, to lift yourself up to where you want to be.
5. *Reconciliation*: Thou shalt. . . ask for forgiveness.

The purpose of focusing on guilt is not, ultimately, to make us feel bad for our wrongdoings. It is to free us from the constraints that have made it difficult, if not impossible, to love as we know we can. These five steps set us on the path to love. To achieve love, we must be engaged in a lifelong effort to achieve reconciliation, through all the steps of repentance. Rabbi Wechsler offers a prescription to allow for loving more, and better, and of being able to love and be good at the same time. Feeling guilty is the beginning.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler is spiritual leader of Congregation Or Zarua in New York City and Visiting Assistant Professor at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he teaches theology and ethics. A graduate of Harvard, with both ordination and a Ph.D. from The Jewish Theological Seminary, he is chairman of the board of the Hospital Chaplaincy in New York City.

## The Jewish Communities of the World

Fourth Edition, Edited by Antony Lerman

Facts on File, 460 Park Ave., S., New York, N.Y. 206 pp.

reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Do you know in which country is the oldest of all Diaspora communities? The Jewish community of Iraq was established in 586 BCE when Babylonian King Nebuchanezzar II conquered Judea, and there were towns with exclusively Jewish populations. In 1947 there were 150,000 Jews in the country, but today 200 remain.

If you travel, *The Jewish Communities of the World* contains interesting information like that, concerning the history of Jews and their present status in 98 countries of the world.

If you do not travel, this book is fascinating in its depiction of when and how Jews have lived all over the world. The accurate, up-to-date information is based on material from the archives of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London and on information furnished by contacts of the World Jewish Congress.

Subjects covered include the background of the Jewish population, their legal status, organizations, religious life, education, cultural activities, libraries, museums, press, welfare and historical sites. It is called "A Contemporary Guide," but it will be of interest to anyone who is interested in where Jews live and how they fare everywhere.

## HIAS Guidebook for Soviet Jewish Immigrants

For more than ten years, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) has been distributing a book to Soviet Jewish emigres in Rome. It is *Entering A New Culture*, by David Harris. Now the book has been updated and it will be presented to the 40,000 Soviet Jewish emigres who have arrived in the United States in the past year, along with *The Jewish World*, also by David Harris, who is an immigration expert.

The books are printed in Russian and English on facing pages. *The Jewish World* describes Judaism and Jewish culture. *Entering a New Culture* gives practical advice on everyday matters, health care, and describes the U.S. political and educational system. The two books will be a great help to Soviet immigrants and the Americans who will be assisting them.

# HAPPY SHAVVOT

## God and Evil — A Jewish Perspective

by David Birnbaum  
Ktav Publishing House  
266 pp. \$20.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

*God and Evil* deals with the problem of *theodicy*, a vindication of the divine attributes, especially holiness and justice, in respect to the existence of physical and moral evil. (*American College Dictionary*), Random House.

Theologians and philosophers have wrestled with this problem since monotheistic religion started. In our time, since the Holocaust, the question has been pondered more emphatically than ever before. How does an all-powerful, all-knowing and all-good God tolerate the force of evil?

David Birnbaum reaffirms the omnipotence, omniscience and beneficence of God, and he replies to the persistent question, first by considering thinking of others in history, Jewish and non-Jewish intellectuals who grappled with the problem. We hear the question asked by minds on all levels. One does not need to be a scholar to wonder about this apparent contradiction.

Mark Twain wrote he believed God is either not all-powerful or not all-good. That would seem to be sound logic, and yet, deeper thinkers on the subject and those who cling to religious faith seek a satisfactory answer.

Early in this book, the author reminds us that Judaism must be responsive to the intellect; that blind faith is not required. He discards answers which call upon the "in-scrutability of God" or "finite man's inability to grasp the infinite." Such answers, he says, apply to systems of belief which are intolerable to us, like worship of idols or devils. The God of the Western World is neither arbitrary nor impulsive, and his relationship to man should be fathomable. Furthermore, he quotes from Abraham Ibn Ezra that the highest virtue in life is reason.

Having presented varied interpre-

tations of attempts to respond to the question of theodicy in the past, Part II of *God and Evil* offers the fruit of David Birnbaum's profound background and reasoning.

In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, man and woman were created by God in a state of perfect bliss. They were dependent on God, who advised them to eat not of the Tree of Knowledge, but to satisfy their hunger with the fruit of the Tree of Life. In deciding to eat of the Tree of Knowledge, they opted for freedom, pursuit of knowledge and potential, altogether embodying a life of challenge, freedom, privacy and responsibility. *Potential* is particularly emphasized.

Evil appeared immediately in the slaying of Abel by Cain, brother by brother. But besides the wickedness, the potential for the acquisition of knowledge was discovered. With the passing of time, man accumulated knowledge increasingly. As humans learned more, their independence grew, and God withdrew gradually, allowing people more and more control over their own destiny. In Judaism, this is known as *hester*

*ponim*, hiding the face, referred to in the Bible. "And God hid his face."

Why did God interfere to save his people in Egypt, but not in our time? Not punishment and not indifference, but the result of man's assuming the risk involved in seeking his utmost potential is a simple statement of David Birnbaum's thesis.

The numerous quotations and interpretations of great theologians and philosophers are clearly stated in *God and Evil*. The conclusions offered by the author are slightly less succinct, and I cannot truthfully state that I am now in possession of a superior answer to the age-old question of "Why does God allow evil to exist?" to the common answer, "Because man has freedom of choice."

Still, *God and Evil* is worth reading and rereading for the great insight it does offer into the answers reached by the greatest thinkers in Judaism and Christianity, and even in older religions. The methodology of Birnbaum's theory and the opportunities for protracted discussion are of great value.

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## CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR BREAKING NEW GROUND

November 11, 1973, was a memorable and joyous day for North Carolina Jewry. It was the seventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Jewish Home, and Mrs. Sam Freedman, Secretary, welcomed guests with "shalom" expressing the hope of the day. There was good news of peace in the Middle East and a day of promise at the Home. Numerous dignitaries from across the state joined the Home's director as participants in the day's program. Morris Brenner, Vice President, introduced the guest speakers. Franklin Shirly, mayor of Winston-Salem, and John Kiger, chairman of the Forsyth County Commissioners, gave greetings. Benjamin Schwartz, state representative, and Hamilton Horton, Jr., state senator, introduced the speaker for the day. Governor James Holshouser, Jr., addressed the gathering and performed the groundbreaking ceremony.



*Gov. James Holshouser, Jr., addresses the crowds at the 7th annual meeting of the North Carolina Jewish Home. Seated, left to right: I.D. Blumenthal, Mollye Freedman, Elbert Levy, Ruth Julian, Mrs. Holshouser, Morris Brenner, and Senator Harry Bagnal.*

With the silver shovel used at the first groundbreaking in 1964, Governor Holshouser broke ground for the Home's expansion. A two-story addition of 59,300 sq. feet would be added with 56 resident rooms and a clinical suite consisting of optometry, podiatry, and dentistry clinics. Each floor would

have a nursing station, examining rooms, and two solaria giving the Home greater versatility and the ability to provide for different levels of care. A new gift shop, auditorium, beauty-barber shop, and offices would complete the dreamed-about services that the Home could offer.

*Continued next page.*



### Breaking New Ground Con't.

In her greetings on November 11, 1973, Mollye Freedman said, "Many words will be spoken the next hour that will be memorable and long remembered; but the event that will bring the greatest pride to you . . . will be the completion of this brick and mortar wing that will remain long after the words spoken here are forgotten." Two years and 11 months later on October 11, 1976, the new wing opened increasing capacity from 48 to 135 beds. This "brick and mortar" building fulfilled the dreams of those who made it possible and made possible a new reality for those in need of the dream.

*Left: Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony, Nov. 11, 1973, included Vice President Morris Brenner, breaking ground, I.D. Blumenthal, and Gov. Holshouser, background.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### MAY

Gladys Blair  
Emilie Froehlich  
Marian Glasser  
Mildred Kalet  
Bea Mandel  
Anna Passman  
Anna Schleicher  
Theresa Schwartz  
Sarah Sherry  
Sylvia Silbert  
Doris Sink  
Ida Temko  
Jacob Tirkeltaub  
Don Warnick

## IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:  
Henry Davis  
Anna Meyer  
Stewart Shore

## WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Gladys Blair  
High Point, NC

Robert Fontaine  
Advance, NC

Marian Glasser  
Charlotte, NC

Nona Meigs  
Winston-Salem, NC

Abraham & Theresa Schwartz  
Winston-Salem, NC

Nelly Schwarz  
Middletown, NY

*Enjoying this year's Passover Seder in the Commons Building are Herman Blumenthal with his sister, Henrietta Meltsner, a BJH resident. (Additional photos on Pg. 31).*



# BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein



# FAIR OAKS

## ENJOYING THEIR TALENTS

Fair Oaks residents are applying their talents to many different disciplines. Anna Schleicher found it easy to coach Lynda Clark, star of the Winston-Salem Theater Alliance's performance of "A Shayna Maidel." After a few hours of chatting with Mrs. Schleicher, the young actress had perfected her Yiddish accent for the play and Anna had enjoyed helping out with the production.

Cueing up the balls is a lot of fun and doesn't take any talent according to the Fair Oaks pool players. Virginia Brown, George Carp, and Faye Moss profess to having a good time at the new pool table in the Commons but claim little talent at the game.

Fair Oaks card sharks are enjoying bridge games with each other and with volunteers Jeanne and Joe Reznick, Rose Clein, and Herta Griffenhagen. All are talented card players and, also, winners in every way.

Everyone has a talent for eating, and Fair Oaks residents have recently enjoyed dinner at Dockside Restaurant in Clemmons, lunch at Starmount Country Club in Greensboro, Chen's Chinese in Winston-Salem with volunteer Betty Roth, and a barbecue on the Fair Oaks terrace with chef (volunteer) Darrel Mandelstamm.

Activity abounds at Fair Oaks and a talent for enjoying life. Come visit and be our guest for lunch! Call Melinda Hartley or Sue Clein at (919) 766-6401.



*Anna Schleicher shares some of her background with Lynda Clark, actress in the Winston-Salem Theatre Alliance's performance of "A Shayna Maidel."*



*Virginia Brown is delighted to watch her ball head for the corner pocket and George Carp enjoys sharing the moment along with the game.*

# BJH NEWS BRIEFS

- **TEA TIME** was popular on March 1st when the Moravian Home residents joined BJH residents for tea in the Commons. Residents enjoyed socializing with the guests and seeing a slide presentation on the history of the Home.
- **JULIE HEIFITZ**, writer, inspired residents with her performance of personal dramatic monologues on March 2nd. Ms. Heifitz, from St. Louis, visited the Home between performances at Wake Forest University and Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. With warmth and charm, she brought a poignant touch to the stories she shared with residents.
- **THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC**, Jewish music, that is, filled the Commons during the month of March. On Sunday, March 11, Sammy Anflick and Friends, Jewish band from Greensboro, entertained and on Sunday, March 25, Bert Chessin's Klezmer Band from Chapel Hill was the highlight. Sunday concerts are always special, but even more so with a "bissel of Yiddish."
- **SHABBAT CELEBRATION** with Temple Emanuel Pre-school, Winston-Salem, took place early on Friday, March 16th, when children and residents shared Shabbat blessings, challah, and "wine." Diane Leshin led the children in singing familiar and new Shabbat songs, and a spirited Shabbat was enjoyed by all.



*Chatting with residents is a favorite activity for volunteers. Sylvia Samet, Greensboro volunteer, and Mary Cohen, BJH resident from Greensboro, share a few moments.*



*Diane Leshin, a volunteer with Temple Emanuel Pre-School in Winston-Salem, leads the children in singing Shabbat songs for the residents.*

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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH  
SUNDAY MAY 13, 1990 12:00 Noon  
RAZZ MA TAZZ MUSICAL REVUE  
Commons Auditorium 3 P.M.  
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• **CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. EDWARD SOUTHERN**, the winner of the 2nd place cash prize in the Ray of Joy Visual Art Exhibition. This exhibit for talented disabled persons, which is sponsored by the Associated Artists of Winston-Salem and is supported by the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation, was displayed from March 24 to April 27 at the Sawtooth Building in Winston-Salem. Dr. Southern's painting was one of three works exhibited by BJH residents. Naida Tyo and Jane Rosenberg, BJH painting students of Catherine Smith, submitted works created in the Home's craft shop. Dr. Southern, a newcomer to BJH, won 2nd place for his acrylic self-portrait which was begun before his move and completed at the Home.

Edward Southern is a man of many talents and interests. A retired ob-gyn physician, he was a noted medical researcher working with Dr. Alan Guttmacher on fetal electrocardiography. Born in Russia, Dr. Southern was raised in London, England, attended the University of London, and served in the Royal Navy. He enjoyed sailing and traveling and is an avid reader, writer, and painter. We welcome Dr. Southern to BJH and wish him mazel tov on receiving this honor.



*Dr. Southern, a BJH resident, begins working on a new painting in the Craft Shop.*

### CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Homewide birthday party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 4 Leave for services at Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 8 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 13 Mother's Day Brunch, Noon, Fair Oaks  
Brenner Concert featuring Razz Ma Tazz Musical Revue, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 15 Out to Lunch, leave for Winston-Salem at 11:15 a.m.
- 18 Shopping trip to Hanes Mall, leave for Winston-Salem at 9:30 a.m.
- 21-25 Rock 'n Roll Jamboree fundraising events for American Lung Society
- 27 Brenner Concert featuring Geoffrey Dean on the cello, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.



*Right: Young pre-school visitors concentrate as they perform the hand motions which accompany their songs.*

# SUE's NEWS

## A Garden of Volunteers



*Early spring irises in the BJH courtyard beckon one outside to enjoy the sunshine.*

Spring came early to Blumenthal Jewish Home this year. While jonquils, pansies, and tulips were blooming outdoors, bright faces of volunteers have been blooming indoors all year. Volunteers Ellen Berlin, Ann Klein, and Janie Douthit have been kept busy with the Gift Shop's spring sale and the new merchandise arriving daily. The BJH Gift Shop is a "blooming" (or is it "bluming?") garden of delights thanks to the care of these volunteers who are eager to help you choose your bouquet.

Spring bouquets are due Ronni Kutchei, Greensboro volunteer, who burst forth with joyful Yiddish and Hebrew songs when she entertained for the March 6th birthday party and to Alice Issacson, pianist, who joined the Greensboro volunteers for the April 3rd party and

filled the Commons with beautiful music.

If we grew orchids, we'd give them to Fred Gorelick, Director of the Winston-Salem Theater Alliance, all the friends and staff of the Theater Alliance (with special recognition to Nancy Mershon), and Arlene van de Rijn, BJH volunteer, who graciously assisted residents attending the performance of "A Shayna Maidel."

An unsung hero of our spring garden is volunteer gardener Tony Schwertfeger who is now busy sowing seeds for the beautiful flowers we will enjoy this summer. Look for Tony's handiwork when you visit.

If you're planning your summer garden, we invite you to sow seeds at BJH. Our volunteers are blossoming but new buds are always a joy to see.



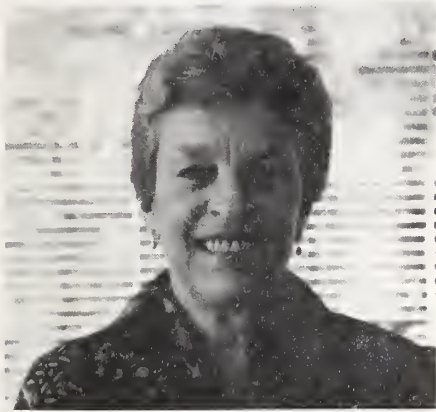
*Ellen Berlin and Janie Douthit, Gift Shop volunteers, beckon one into the shop to enjoy the latest in spring arrivals.*



*Alice Issacson, Greensboro volunteer, filled the Commons with beautiful music when she entertained for the April birthday party.*



# BJH is Happy to Announce Selections for Employee of the Month



**BETTY PETTICORD**  
Allied Health Coordinator  
JANUARY, 1990

Betty Petticord has been a devoted employee since August, 1977, when she came to BJH. Betty wanted to test her interest in a nursing career before pursuing further education. She began working as a nursing assistant with rotating service on all wings of the Home.

In September, 1983, Betty accepted the challenge of a new position at the Home, the Allied Health Coordinator. The podiatry and dentistry needs were increasing and the organization of the clinics and the scheduling of residents were necessities. Betty was excited by this opportunity. She says that the department has grown by leaps and bounds, and she is pleased by her role in its growth and the increased responsibility.

Betty says she is happy to have been chosen Employee of the Month. She feels it is "nice for the Home to do — it gives everyone an incentive." Always ready with a smile, cheerful, pleasant, and well organized, Betty Petticord's incentive is her own desire to meet the challenge of an ever-growing job. BJH is proud to have Betty on its staff, and we congratulate her on this honor.



**WANDA HUFFMAN**  
Housekeeping  
FEBRUARY, 1990

Wanda Huffman has enjoyed her position in the Housekeeping Department since December, 1988. She takes a great deal of pride in her work, and everyone at the Home benefits from her concern.

Happy to be chosen Employee of the Month, Wanda said, "I think it's an honor. I'm happy to know I was picked and I try to do my job." Since her first day, Wanda said, "everyone — staff and residents — have been nice to me and both Mike and Marie are good bosses." Marie Doty, Housekeeping Supervisor, said, "Wanda is an excellent employee and a wonderful person, efficient and always willing to work where needed and wonderful with the residents. She offers help whenever she can."

Wanda's gentle manner, pleasant smile, and pride in her work are an example for others. BJH congratulates Wanda Huffman. We're proud to have you on our staff.



**PAT OBERLE**  
Nursing Assistant, B-1  
MARCH, 1990

Pat Oberle has enjoyed working at BJH since her first day, October 11, 1988. Pat, a nursing assistant on B-1, second shift, says she loved her job immediately. "It's my kind of work." Always interested in caring for people, Pat had received training as an emergency medical technician and worked as a volunteer with a rescue squad before coming to the Home.

Happy about being chosen employee of the month, Pat said, "I was completely surprised. I work with good people, nice people. I'm pleased with my job." Libby Carter, B-1 Nursing Unit Manager, describes Pat as a very committed, hard worker, always available to work extra on any shift when needed, always on time and pleasant.

BJH congratulates Pat Oberle, a deserving recipient of this honor and an excellent employee.

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# What's Developing?

## "Friends of the Home Luncheons"

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

Mrs. Audrey (Jerome) Madans, a member of the Home's Board of Trustees and Chairperson of the Silver Anniversary Celebration in October, was Hostess for two Friends of the Home Luncheon meetings in Charlotte in March.

A group of over 20 persons gathered on March 1 at 12:00 noon to hear Mr. Herman Blumenthal, Chairman of the Fair Oaks Capital Campaign Committee, talk about the latest news and activities of the Home. I shared some information about the activities and events of the Development Office with these Friends.

Those present for the March 1 meeting include Sue Ades, Evelyn Berger, Anita Blumenthal, Lee Blumenthal, Sandi Carlish, Doris Fligel, Rhoda Gleiberman, Margie Goldstein, Gail Green, Jinny Holtzman, Helene and Jerry Howard, Bernice Roberts, Hugo Rosenberger, Carol Shafranek, Elizabeth Small, Judy Sutker, Minnie Sutker, Miriam Valenstein, and Emily Zimmermann. Board members Audrey Madans and Sandra Levine were also with us.

On March 29, Herman and I met with another group of Friends of the Home at the Madans' to share some information and discussion regarding the needs of the Home — and some plans of giving that provide a charitable tax deduction, an annuity income for life, and income that is tax free. Some of these plans are very beneficial both to the Home and the donor.

Those present for the March 29 get-together include Wilma Asrael, Irving Brenner, Sandi Carlish, Sandy Deckelbaum, Ethel Firestone, Esther Frank, Rabbi and Syd Gerber, Ruth Goldberg, and her Mother, Fritzi Abrams, Linda Gottlieb, Fay Green, Hilda Kirsner, Mickey Lyons, Brenda Meltsner, Rose Naiman, Judy Neiman, and Leonora Stein. Bobby Damsky, Bennett Lyons, and Audrey are Board members who attended.

It is obvious to me that we have many loyal and supportive Friends of the Home in Charlotte

— and in cities and towns all across the Carolinas. We plan to continue this kind of event and have other luncheons in Charlotte and in other communities in the coming months. If you would be willing to host such a gathering, please call Audrey Madans (704-541-8360) or Bob Young at 919-766-3035.

Our thanks to Audrey for her interest and her hard work on behalf of the Home. Our thanks, also, to all of our Friends who came out and made these two luncheons most enjoyable for all!



*Some of the people attending luncheon at the home of Audrey and Jerome Madans were: (back row, L. to R.) Hilda Kirsner, Rabbi Israel Gerber, Syd Gerber, Bob Young, Rhoda Gleiberman, Sandy Deckelbaum; (seated on couch) Bennett Lyons, Mildred Lyons; (lower right) Sandi Carlish.*



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*Faye Kalson, Fair Oaks resident, receives her birthday gift from the volunteers at the April party.*

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*Left: Sara Lee Saperstein, Greensboro volunteer, and Irene Mendelson, Fair Oaks resident with an April birthday, are enjoying the party in the Commons Auditorium.*

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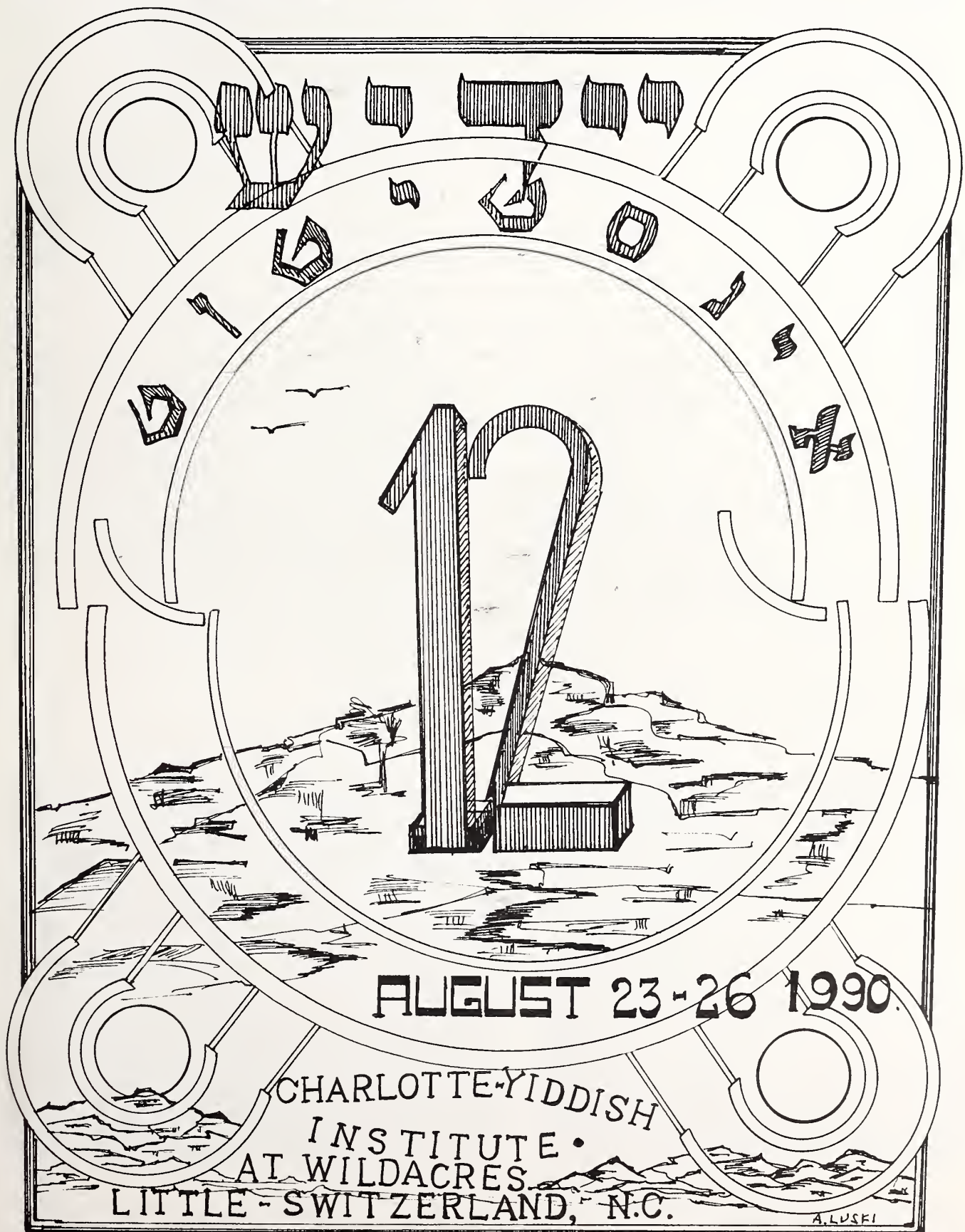




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# 'We'll See' Won't Do

by Mortimer B. Zuckerman

Who killed the hopes for peace in the Middle East? The Israelis have carried the burden of blame. Why did they reverse their own initiative for West Bank elections and a dialogue with Palestinians? Seen from outside Israel, it's inexplicable. Seen from inside, it is a different story. And it is necessary to see it from inside because there will never be peace in the Middle East if sympathy for the Palestinians is not matched by an understanding of the fears of the besieged people of Israel, who alone are asked to yield territory acquired as the result not of imperialism but of its opposite—successful self-defense.

A peace initiative must begin with a measure of trust. The Israelis yielded land in the Camp David agreements because a measure of trust was established between Egypt and Israel. It was assisted by physical facts: 200 miles of sand between the Israeli border and Egypt's population centers precluded terrorist raids or a lightning war.

The physical facts about the West Bank require a still greater degree of trust since the sworn enemy is nearer. The West Bank's high ground provides military command of the flat coastal plain that constitutes Israel's heartland. The mountains are also a natural defensive barrier to an armed Arab attack from the east or to terrorism launched from the West Bank.

Even so, Israel proposed a dialogue. Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak was constructive, and the United States was trusted to play fairly. Beset by the *intifada*, the Israelis extended a hand, if not of friendship, at least of conciliation. For the first time, they acknowledged the right of Palestinians, rather than Jordan or Egypt, to negotiate; the right to a self-governing authority in an interim period; and the exclusive right of Palestinians to play the leading role in the final negotiations.

That frail flower of trust was soon scorched by desert heat. The PLO continued to assert its fundamental goal of liquidating Israel. It launched terrorist strikes, including murdering and attacking moderate Palestinians who wish a peaceful dialogue with Israel. Worst of all, the PLO strikes at Israel's *raison d'être* as a refuge for Jews fleeing anti-Semitism by seeking to prevent Russian Jews from settling in Israel.

These blows were aggravated when the Bush-Baker administration undermined the belief that the U.S. was committed to a settlement meeting Israel's security needs. Much Israeli support for dialogue evaporated when the U.S. was silent about PLO terrorism in its desire to keep the PLO as a central player in the peace process. Those who still maintained faith in the U.S. lost it over East Jerusalem. When Yitzhak Shamir asked what the U.S. position would be if the Palestinians demanded that East Jerusalemites vote in West Bank elections, Secretary of State Baker's response was: "We'll see." Then President Bush said he wanted Israel to stop settling Soviet Jews in East Jerusalem. Treating Jerusalem as occupied territory is anathema to Israelis. The U.S. stance questioned the restored unified Jerusalem that the Israelis believed had been accepted a generation ago—and in the process, convinced conservative Israeli leaders that the negotiating process was a trap.

The Israelis are a traumatized people—justifiably so, given the Holocaust, the unceasing warfare by the Arabs, the erosion of support from Western countries. The vast majority of Israelis are not ideologically committed to a "greater Israel." They are not distressed over the prospect of giving up West Bank land. They do not worry that Israel will not receive its rightful *quid pro quo*—peace.

The U.S. concentration on negotiating procedures only provokes anxiety when the substance of the U.S. position is so uncertain. The Israelis are more concerned not with how they enter the first negotiating session but how they leave the last.

For its part, Israel must take bold initiatives and be seen by the world to be seeking moral justice, or risk losing the battle of moral rhetoric. But only America can give a settlement credibility. That is why there is no hope for lasting peace unless the U.S. can be more forthcoming on the key issues—where it supports Israel and where it does not, what modifications to the 1967 borders it endorses to provide Israel with secure boundaries. When your destiny is at stake, "we'll see" won't do.

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Special to the Editor:

## Waiting for the Soviet Jews to Arrive

by Phil Joffe

Waiting at Gate C7, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Tuesday night, May 8. The plane is expected to arrive at 9:09. My mind is wandering as I'm getting my camera ready. More familiar faces are arriving every few minutes, probably 50 people or so by now, not including the television crews.

My mind wanders back to the Washington Rally for Soviet Jews late in 1987. I remember how awed I was at the size of the gathering yet, at the time, unable to grasp its real significance and could only have hoped for its ultimate impact.

And I was also thinking about our visit to Israel last spring and the Russian Jews we had met—the delicious homecooked dinner; the children who entertained us with their traditional Georgian dances and songs as they prepared for Purim; and the dinner we had in Jerusalem with former refuseniks.

Who would have guessed that one day I'd be standing in front of an airport gate at 9:00, camera in hand, waiting for a handful of Soviet Jews to arrive—the first of a number of families to be resettling in Charlotte.

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His professional experiences have been extensive, including: Supervisor of Divinity and Jewish Studies at Cambridge; Lecturer on "God's People," in York, England; teacher of courses on Judaism and Christianity at Hebrew University, Vanderbilt University; and visiting Senior Lecturer in Lancaster, England. He received the Lakrits Prize in Jewish Philosophy for his work on Martin Buber. He was Chairman of the Department of Religion at Dartmouth College between 1979 and 1981; Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University; 1983-84, and is presently Professor of Near Eastern Studies, with tenure, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

He is a prolific writer whose works include such subjects as "Methods in the Study of Jewish Thought," "Critical Reflections on the Holocaust," and "Personal Status in Jewish Law." He is presently editing the sixth volume of B'nai B'rith History of the Jewish People.

##### DR. STEPHEN BERK

- Russian Jews under Tsars
- Russian Jews under Commissars
- On the Eve of the Apocalypse: Eastern European Jewry between the World Wars



Dr. Stephen Berk is well known to B'nai B'rith audiences and has addressed many Institutes.

He is an historian by education, having received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, with honors in History; an M.A. in History from the University of Chicago; and a Ph.D. in History from Columbia University in New York City.

He has been a Professor of History at Union College since 1967 and Chairman of the Department of History since 1987. He has been particularly interested in Russian History, having received a Certificate from the Russian Institute at Columbia University. He has been a Visiting Professor at Williams College, Bennington College and the State University of New York (Albany), where he has taught Russian History and Judaic Studies.

He has published many articles on Russian History and Russian Jewry and on historical perspectives of East European Jewry, Anti-Semitism, and the American Jewish experience.

From 1971 to 1988 he visited and studied in Israel practically every year. In December of 1980 he was in Egypt, and in 1985 participated in a seminar in Poland on Polish-Jewish relations.

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## Diverse Approaches to Pluralism

### Israel's Jewish Agency Funding Innovative Programs

by Louis Rapoport  
UJA Press Service

Back when the country was young, Israel's Jewish Agency was helping make the desert bloom and helping newcomers settle into the Jewish State. Now, thanks to UJA-Federation Campaign funds, the Jewish Agency is also nurturing democratic and pluralistic values through programs bringing religious and non-religious Israelis, Israeli and Diaspora Jews, and Israeli Jews and Arabs closer together.

Alebaw Solomon is one of the thousands of young Israelis learning firsthand that Jewish values include tolerance and understanding. The way he sees it: "The opportunity I'm getting at Ramot Shapira (a campus just outside Jerusalem) has widened my horizons and motivated me in a way I never experienced before."

With help from a Jewish Agency grant, the Ramot Shapira Educational Center is bringing groups of religious and secular students together for a deeper understanding of democracy.

At a very different kind of project in Safad, "Livnot U'lehibanot" ("To Build and Be Built"), American Jews in their twenties live, work and study together for three months. Jackie Keer of Chicago, says, "I'm learning a lot about Israel, Jewish history, politics and religion, and about the people themselves. It's an inspirational experience." The Safad project takes assimilated American Jews and throws them into "the Israel experience," in the words of Project Director Aharon Botzer.

He means it literally, for in between the hours in a homey, laid-back classroom the participants dig out the ruins of a synagogue in the ancient city of the kabbalists or paint the rundown apartment of an elderly Safad resident. The Jewish



**THE NEXT GENERATION**—At the Jaffa Institute Educational Residential Program in Beit Shemesh, Israel, children from impoverished or troubled families can live and study in a secure and safe environment, away from the crime and problems of their home city. The Jaffa Institute is one of the innovative, new programs receiving Jewish Agency funding.

—UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell

Agency's \$40,000 grant helps provide for an expanding living-learning experience.

#### **\$5 Million for Programs**

The projects at Ramot Shapira and in Safad are part of the wide range of programs now being financed by the Jewish Agency, thanks to the UJA-Federation Campaign. This year, a total of more than \$5 million is being allocated to programs encouraging pluralism and democratic values. These include projects of the Women's Legal Center in Jerusalem, Hanaton—the Conservative movement's lone kibbutz, the watchdog Association for Civil Rights in Israel, 15 different Reform movement projects and various educational centers with special programs that reflect the concerns of many North American Jews and progressive Israelis across the political spectrum.

The programs offer everything from rabbinical training to protection of the legal rights of children. The main criteria are relevance to the social and educational needs of Israeli society, while fostering tolerance, justice and civil rights. The Jewish Agency has even funded an organization that took its gift-horse



**"TO BUILD AND BE BUILT"**—An American Jewish volunteer in the Livnot U'lehibanot program helps to renovate an old house in Safad. The Jewish Agency funds the project, thus creating a unique living-learning experience for the American participants and helping the city's residents.

—UJA Press Service Photo by Lisa Pleskow

to court in a landmark retirement-age case.

#### **Non-partisan Approach**

The Agency's new funding program is in keeping with a decision by UJA supporters three years ago to help finance creative Israeli programs in a flexible manner, free of partisan political or religious considerations. The only prerequisite is that the organizations be non-profit charitable or service groups with tax-exempt status.

"The doors are open to anyone who applies, secular or religious, from whatever branch of Judaism. There's no favoritism here," says Project Grants Coordinator Nachman Rosenberg.

Like every other Jewish Agency operation, the grants program is overseen by a body of professional experts and volunteers. Washington lawyer and UJA National Vice Chairman Paul Berger heads the panel on program grants, a sub-committee of the Agency's Budget and Finance Committee.

As word spreads, the grants program for innovative projects is growing, influencing many Israeli institutions to follow the lead of the organizations already working to promote



pluralism and democracy.

The Jewish Agency's funding for innovative programs is made possible by the UJA-Federation Campaign, the primary instrument for the support of humanitarian programs and social services for Jews in Israel, the U.S. and 34 other countries worldwide.

Uniting the generations, the UJA helps link you, the giver, with members of the global Jewish family of all ages and places—from elderly Jews in Budapest to youngsters in Casablanca and pioneering families in Israel's Negev.

In Israel, Campaign funds help all the generations—newcomers to Israel, including Jews from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia; Project Renewal families; kibbutzniks in agriculture and high tech, and Israelis of all ages involved in programs building democratic and pluralistic values throughout the land.

*Louis Rapoport is a Jerusalem-based author whose books include **Confrontations, Redemption Song, and the forthcoming Stalin and the Jews.** His work appears regularly in the American-Jewish media.*

### **1990 - An Emerging Economic "Global Village" An Israel - U.S. Perspective**

Israel, an export oriented country with a small domestic economic base, will be greatly affected by the dramatic changes currently taking place.

These global developments taking place are: The economic unification process currently under way in Western Europe; the protectionist environment in the U.S., as well as in other countries; Germany's potential economic dominance in Central Europe and the newly emerging liberated East Europe with its impressive inexpensive professional labor pool. These changes present challenges, risks and hence opportunities for the economy of Israel that were unthinkable only a year ago.

As a young, industrialized democracy, Israel can serve as both a

model for these newly emerging non-communized countries and as the spearhead for the West's efforts in bringing new technology to these countries.

One by one, East European countries are discovering that they were on the wrong side of the fence, not only with respect to the U.S. and the West, but also with respect to their relations with Israel. These countries are now trying to rectify this mistake. Government officials and business persons from Israel and countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and the Soviet Union itself are flying back and forth, taking advantage of the newly established direct flights between Israel and most of these countries.

What can Israel offer to these countries that can serve both Israeli and American interests?

Transferring of high technology and technological infrastructure. East European officials and business persons have indicated their

interest in Israeli technology and experience, especially in sectors such as agro-tech, medical instrumentation, energy products and educational systems.

Training of technicians and industrialists in these countries can be done by many East European expatriates who immigrated to Israel. Israel has an impressive record in helping developing countries all over the world.

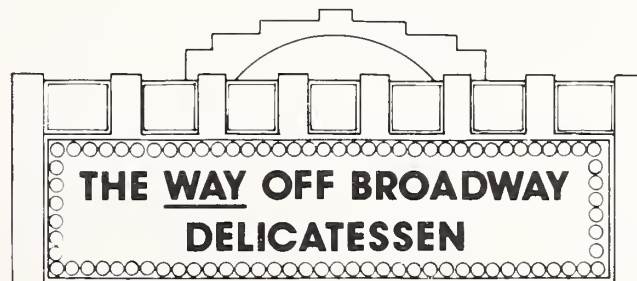
As the only country with free trade agreements with both the EC and the U.S., Israel can be the base for finishing semi-finished products which originate in East Europe and export them duty free to the U.S.

Joint U.S.-Israel ventures can be enhanced by Israel's technologically skilled labor force, with strong East European orientation, and give new dimension to our mutual strategic interests.

*Reprinted from "US-Israel Economic Relations Update" by Office of the Economic Minister, Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C., March 1990.*

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# The Liberation of the Czech Jews

by Mark E. Talisman  
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## Part Two

The editors of *Lidove Noviny* also sought detailed history of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. At that moment, this writer was able to hand them a copy of a letter which former Congressman Charles Vanik sent the previous day to President Bush requesting that the President grant Most-Favored Nations' status to the new Czechoslovak government forthwith, based upon the new historical changes already completed in Czechoslovakia. When Congress reconvenes next week, Senator Carl Levin, a recent visitor to Prague, will seek to rally support for waiver of the Jackson Vanik Amendment among his colleagues who will then press the Administration so as to show our nation's strong support for this newly created democracy.

The case for waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment is clear. The barbed wire borders between Czechoslovakia and the Germans, Austria and Hungary are now down. Citizens now have their passports and are free to travel. Religious freedom is restored. The political prisoners are now running the country. By providing Most-Favored Nations' status to this new government, the United States is instantly lowering tariffs on a number of dutiable goods, thus handing much needed hard currency to this country whose economy is in need of drastic and urgent repair. They know it, yet Havel is not begging for handouts. He just wants normalization of relations between the U.S. and his country. They now produce goods which are heavily taxed. MFN will help instantly.

It will require appropriate negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement. But that should be started on a very fast track AFTER Jackson-Vanik is waived and not before. No time should be wasted signaling our intentions as a govern-

ment and a people anxious to tell the people of Czechoslovakia how proud of them we are and how much we share their own hopes for a future filled with the stability and dignity which democracy clearly can bring. After all, democracy is no stranger to the people of Czechoslovakia. Their country was inspired by Woodrow Wilson, after whom the main rail station in Prague was and will soon again be named, and whose constitution was formulated in Pittsburgh in 1918.

One always asks oneself, are developments such as these good or bad for the Jewish community? Clearly, in the case of the revolution underway in Czechoslovakia, one must conclude with a resounding yes! So far, so good. There is much to be done inside the Jewish community to allow it fully to enjoy its new found freedom. Every day the government grasps hold of the levers of power and democracy begins in earnest to flourish, the Jews will share in its bounty. As religious freedom spreads above ground, so must tolerance for all religion. Vigilance to assure that this is so is ever on the minds of the new ministers whose responsibility it is to assure these newly won freedoms.

As the economy goes through its throes, the upheavals which will result surely from conversion to a new, possibly hybrid form of existence, one only worries of the impact upon the Jewish communities who reside within each of the countries currently undergoing such convulsive changes. In Czechoslovakia, hopes are high in the Jewish community for the fullest participation by its community members alongside of their fellow non-Jews. They do not fear a rise in anti-Semitism or scapegoating. In short, there is widespread optimism evident everywhere shared clearly by members of this vital and proud community with a thousand years of rich Jewish his-

tory. Finally, for the first meaningful time since Hitler crushed this community in 1938, submerging and almost destroying it, they have elected their own president freely and without reference to any government authorities. The future looks bright to guide their own destiny. It is truly a dream which only weeks ago was utterly unthinkable.



19th century Bohemian brass Chanukah lamp in Precious Legacy exhibit.

On December 29, as the winter dusk settled in early, and Shabbat arrived in Prague, Jews arrived from everywhere to the Alteneu Schule on Maiselova Street in the Jewish Quarter. The Jewish Town Hall's sweet bells counted out 4 o'clock as the hands of the Roman and Hebrew clocks arrived to that place from opposite directions. It is a tiny place with high vaulted ceilings. The 13th century Christian architect had been engaged to design this Jewish house



of prayer having done a credible job on St. Agnes' Church and Convent nearby. He worried about several details in that medieval time of sensitivities: The building profile had to be lower than the nearby church so as not to offend the Christian sensibilities, so he sunk the vestibule lower than street level.

This unusually thoughtful architect knew it would be wrong for the Jew praying there to look up to the Gothic vaulted ceiling and see the traditional four spines joined at the top of the vault thus forming a cross so he added a fifth spine.

We entered the Alteneu Schule on this special night, the last of the year, the eighth night of Chanukah, walked down the five steps into the vestibule under the arch of the Gothic doorway into the beautifully serene chamber of prayer. Its Renaissance Almemor radiated that night. The crimson satin banner of the Czech Jews stretched across the side of the intricate forged iron gratework. In the center of the banner was the Mogen David with its unique Swedish military cap in the center awarded to the Jews of Prague for defending the Crown of Bohemia against the invading Swedish hordes in the 17th Century.

All was ready for the Mincha and Maariv services. Here, they are traditionally shortened in deference to the elderly in the community. Cantor Feurlicht's voice rose instantly to the highest point in the ceiling and descended down upon us. Each candle was lighted on the 16th Century menorah as young and old were called to light a candle until all eight were ablaze.

This was the first Chanukah in freedom under a president, Vacslav Havel, elected and installed only hours before. The very same man Dr. Galsky greeted personally and conversed with for a long time about mutual concerns and interests. The same president who had a personal invitation issued to the new president of the Council of the Jewish Communities of the Czech Lands, to sit in a special section to witness



*Prague Rooftops, 1983.*

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the swearing in first-hand and then to come and present greetings in the 15th Century traditional place at the castle where Bohemian kings were inaugurated!

Imagine, the leader of the Czech Jews, himself only recently democratically elected, representing his people before the nation to greet the new president of all of Czechoslovakia. It had not happened since Benes was installed after the War and then only fleetingly. It truly had happened like this when Thomas Masyryk, a beloved friend of the Jews, became Czechoslovakia's first president.

At a break in the service, a special prayer was chanted in Hebrew and Czech for the health and success of the new president of Czechoslovakia. Then Dr. Galsky read a letter he was sending on behalf of the Jewish community wishing the president of the nation great success and pledging him and his new government unstinting support in every appropriate and meaningful way. A representative of the government was present to receive these greetings and to transmit them to the president.

As we all left the Alteneu Schule we hugged each other, tears streamed down the cheeks of many of those present, fully cognizant of the power of the day and evening's events in both the country's history and that of this unique Jewish community. Undaunted now, they re-

called with pain that Hitler had not succeeded for they were there that last night of Chanukah of 1989. Neither now had the Communists. Glancing back, I saw the luminescent glow over the prayer bench of the great Maharal, Rabbi Judah ben Bezalel and I swore I saw his shadow cast across the length of the Aron Hakodesh. Once again he appeared to watch over his special flock as they renew their quest for greatness in this newly found freedom. Maybe the Golem's ashes which he had returned to the attic above our heads in the Alteneu Schule, it is said, had for once been reconstituted for the real betterment of the wonderful community of Jews. It is clear all eyes will continue to focus on developments along Maiselova Street in Prague to see how freedom takes root once again in this unique Jewish Community.



*Jewish curators sorting and cataloguing objects in the Czech State Jewish collections, 1943. State Jewish Museum in Prague.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The State Jewish Museums of Prague is now known as the Jewish Museums of Prague, and has Jewish board members. The Museums will work cooperatively with New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Czech President Vaclav Havel just received an honorary doctor of philosophy degree from Hebrew University in Israel.

## CAJWM Announces Scholarship Loans for College Students

by Irving Brenner

Education and learning have always been at the core of Judaism and Jewish culture. As immigrants in America and other countries Jews struggled to educate themselves and their children not only in Jewish culture but in the language and history of their new surroundings. Also, Jews understand that fear and prejudice are most often the result of ignorance and, accordingly, have always encouraged learning and education throughout society.

It was therefore natural that in 1921 when, under the leadership of Mrs. Sol Weill, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women was organized, one of its early concerns was education. Among the association's many contributions to education was the creation in 1930 of the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund by Edna Oettinger, Lionel Weill and Helene Weill Strauss for the purpose of providing interest-free loans to enable college students, regardless of race, creed or culture, to complete their education. The fund was named for Mrs. Sol Weill's mother, Sophie Einstein, a humanitarian who supported ideals furthering cooperation and understanding among people of different faiths and races long before such ideals became generally accepted.

The Sophie Einstein Memorial Fund Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Laura Cone was created to receive and evaluate loan applications, grant loans, and arrange for repayments. The committee is now under the direction of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men after the merger of the two associations in 1988. The committee is currently composed of Irving Brenner of Charlotte and Sylvia and Lou Silver of Greensboro.

Since 1930, many students have received assistance from the fund. Although education costs have risen much more rapidly than available

funds, the committee is pleased to announce the availability of loans for undergraduate educational expenses for the school year 1990-1991. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the fund or obtaining a scholarship application should write to: The Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, c/o Irving Brenner, 510 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

## CAJE Announces Winners of "1990 Creative Project of the Year" Competition

by Lenora Stein

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is pleased to announce the winners of its 3rd annual "Creative Project of the Year" award competition. Cash prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 respectively were awarded to the following 3 top prize winners:

FIRST PLACE: Cynthia Melenson, **Temple Emanuel, Gastonia, N.C.**, "Israel Planter Wall Decoration."

SECOND PLACE: Linda Scher, Judith B. Tulchin, Lawrence Rudner, **Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh, N.C.**, "The Holocaust—A North Carolina Teacher's Resource."

THIRD PLACE: Lorri Barman, Marcia Stern, **Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Yom Hooledet Samaech Yisrael—A Birthday Party For Israel."

HONORABLE MENTION certificates were awarded to:

Millie Canterbury, **Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Wood Menorah."

Sue Brodsky, Joyce Stewart and Patti Weisman, **Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Around the Jewish Year" and "Chanukah Drip Pad."

Iris Sapir, **Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh, N.C.** "My Creation Book."

Faye Miller Goldstein, **Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte, N.C.**, "New Year's Cards" and "Judaic Design Cross Stitch."

Rabbi Robert Waxman, **B'nai Israel, Wilmington, N.C.**, "A New Meaning To Counting The Omer."

Ruth Marcus, Marvin Bienstock and Debbie Koepp, **Tree of Life Congregation, Columbia, S.C.**, "Singing Seder."

Teri Jackson and Judith Carle, **K.K. Beth Elohim, Charleston, S.C.**, "Judaic Symbols Quilt."

Marcia Stern, **Charlotte, JCC, Charlotte, N.C.**, "Tu Bishevat Seder."

SPECIAL AWARD:

Roz Cooper and Lenora Stein, **Temple Israel and CAJE, Charlotte, N.C.**, "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot and Mishpochah—A Mixed Bag Of Jewish Family Fun Programs."

**KOL HA-KAVOD TO ALL THE WINNERS!**

Projects were judged on Judaic content, adaptability, age appropriateness, completeness, presentation and, of course, creativity.

All project entries become part of the CAJE Resources Center collection and may be borrowed by member schools and teachers.

Copies of all the projects will be published in book form during the summer, 1990. Call or write CAJE at our new office to obtain your copy: CAJE, P. O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28226, (704) 366-5007.

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# Kibbitzing—Community News

## **Emily Zimmern of Charlotte Leads UJA Mission to Poland and Israel in October**

Emily Zimmern, president of Charlotte Jewish Federation, is co-chair of the Morasha (Heritage) Mission to Poland and Israel, October 21-31, 1990. 500 young Jewish leaders will be part of the largest mission the United Jewish Appeal has ever sent to Poland. Mrs. Zimmern represents the Women's Young Leadership Cabinet of UJA.

The mission is designed for the post-Holocaust, post-birth-of-Israel generation, primarily people in their 20s, 30s and 40s—those who were not witnesses to this century's pivotal events in the story of the Jewish people. By retracing the sweep of Jewish history in the last hundred years, they will gain a sense of the need for their leadership and of the possibilities that their involvement creates.

The Mission cost is \$2,450. National UJA will provide a \$500 subsidy for anyone giving a \$500 minimum gift. This reduces the cost, including all air, hotel, meals and program costs, to \$1,950 per person out of New York.

Making extensive use of scholars and eyewitnesses, the Mission will do intensive study of the history of Polish Jewry. By exploring, studying, and understanding the Jewish culture that flourished in Eastern Europe for centuries, the meaning of today's Diaspora will become clearer. The mission will see not only Warsaw and Cracow, but will also travel to the smaller cities and towns of Lodz, Lublin and Piotrkow, and learn about the vibrant world our people lost in the Holocaust.

There will be a special musical presentation by the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra and its American Jewish conductor, Gilbert Levine. Current plans are for the symphony to be held in a synagogue that has been unused since World

War II. If these plans work out, this will be the first symphonic concert in a Polish synagogue in over fifty years.

In addition, each mission participant will carry one or two books of Jewish content with him/her to personally place in the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw. This will greatly augment the library at the Institute.

There will be meetings and briefings with young Polish Jews, Righteous Gentiles and survivors of the Holocaust. In addition, if Poland becomes a major stopover point for Soviet Jews on their way to Israel, the mission will see this process in action.

The Morasha Mission will then travel on to Israel with a heightened sense of what its existence means in the context of Jewish history and what Israel means to the lives of Diaspora Jews. Programming in Israel will include: an up-close and first-hand look at the absorption process of the wave of Soviet olim; an evening of dance and song at the Crown Theatre in Jerusalem celebrating Israel's ethnic diversity; home hospitality with Israelis; a "Celebration of Life" Shabbat in Jerusalem and much more. There will also be a special programming track for those who are making their first trip to Israel.

Since over half the Jews of the world can trace some part of their ancestry back to Poland, this mission represents a significant opportunity to study an important element of our heritage. Morasha will be a richly rewarding educational experience, an exciting trip with some ground-breaking elements, and a lot of fun. At this time of incredible changes taking place in Eastern Europe, this will be an outstanding opportunity for participants.

For further information, call Emily Zimmern at (704) 366-6713, or Charlotte Jewish Federation at (704) 366-5007.

## **Charlotteans Assume Leadership Roles in National and Regional B'nai B'rith Women**

Susan Bruck of Charlotte was elected to a second term as vice president of B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) at the Jewish women's organization's biennial convention, April 26-29 in New Orleans. Mrs. Bruck will be chairing the national leadership development committee.

Peggy Gartner, immediate past chairperson of South Atlantic Region of BBW, is now an elected member of the National Executive Board of BBW. She will serve for two years as national fundraising chair.

Vicki Hopkins is the new chairperson of South Atlantic Region and is a seated member of the National Executive Board.

Beth Linderman is a member of the regional board of South Atlantic Region.

Wendy Rosen is now president of Avodah Council in the Carolinas and serves on the regional board.

### **New Strategic Plan**

After a two-year study, BBW unveiled its new strategic plan which is designed to position the Jewish women's organization to meet local and national challenges facing women in the 1990s.

The strategic plan includes a mission statement which defines BBW's purpose as supporting Jewish women in their families, in their communities and in society. The plan also includes three distinct programming goals to move BBW toward achieving its mission. B'nai B'rith Women will work locally, nationally and internationally to: perpetuate Jewish values and secure world Jewry; foster the emotional health and well-being of children and youth; and strengthen the effectiveness of women in the Jewish community and in society.

Under the new plan, BBW will expand the organization's presence

at both the national and local levels. Nationally, BBW will heighten its public affairs activity, as well as actively seek foundation, corporate and other partners for BBW programs.

Locally, BBW will grant funds back to chapters for special projects. With problems such as drug and alcohol abuse, depression and stress threatening the lives of children in the U.S. and Canada, BBW will provide seed money to selected chapters for the development of high-profile community action projects promoting the emotional health and well-being of children and youth.

The world-renowned BBW Residential Treatment Center in Israel will serve as the centerpiece of BBW's work for the emotional well-being of children and youth.



*Rebecca Berman*

### **Berman-Ames Marriage Raleigh, N.C.**

Rebecca Berman and Michael Jonathan Ames were married at 7:30 p.m. October 21, 1989, in the Judea Reform Congregation in Durham. Rabbi John Friedman officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Ezra and Rita Berman of Chapel Hill. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a supervisor at Abbot Laboratories, Rocky Mount.

The groom is the son of Ronald and Dorothy Ames of Las Vegas. He is a graduate of Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in speech communication. He is a sports producer.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Maid of honor was Debra Hamme of Charlotte. Bridesmaids were Barbara Kilpatrick Ward of Durham and Katherine Koch of Chapel Hill.

Best man was Joseph Lamardi of New London, Conn. Ushers were Steven Leibowitz of Raleigh, Stephen Spinosa of Freeport, N.Y. and Alan Schnall of Boca Raton, Fla.

A reception was held at the Marriott hotel in Research Triangle Park. Following a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple now reside in Raleigh.

### **In Memory of Ethel Cohen Kaminsky Lenoir, N.C.**

Ethel Cohen Kaminsky of Lenoir, N.C. was buried on April 20, 1990 at Beth Elohim Cemetery in Charleston, S.C. following a short illness.

Mrs. Kaminsky was born September 6, 1923 in Hickory, N.C., the daughter of Harry Cohen and Tessie Lederer Cohen and was educated in North Carolina public schools. She was a retired partner in The Guarantee Store of Lenoir.

Surviving are her husband, Isadore Kaminsky; a daughter, Sharon K. Painter of Summerville, S.C.; two sisters, Dena Jacobs of Tesuque, N.M. and Sarah Gordon of Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, David Cohen of Hickory, N.C. and Manuel Cohen of Moncks Corner, S.C.; and a grandchild, Holly Painter of Summerville, S.C.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth Elohim, 90 Hasell Street in Charleston, S.C. or to your favorite charity.

### **Rivers-Abrams Wedding Raleigh, N.C.**

The marriage ceremony of Karen Margaret Abrams and Thomas David Rivers was performed by Rabbi Albert Gordon of Wilmington on Purim, March 10, 1990 at the Woman's Club in Raleigh.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Abrams, Hoffman Estates, Ill. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Rivers of Williston, S.C.

Mrs. Rivers is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is employed as a systems engineer at Northern Telecom. Mr. Rivers received his Master's degree from Clemson University and his Bachelor's degree from Furman University and is employed as a systems developer at SAS Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers reside in Raleigh.



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## North America Maccabi Youth Games August 19-26

Preparations are well under way for this summer's fifth edition of the Jewish Community Centers' North American Maccabi Youth Games. The Games, to be held in Detroit from August 19-26, are expected to be the largest to date.

Participants from 50 North American cities are registered, as well as delegations from Israel, Great Britain, Australia, Lithuania and several other nations. In all, 2500 young athletes will compete in 15 sports, according to General Chairman Jay Robinson.

Detroit's Jewish community is working together to make the Games a success. Over 200 volunteers are already preparing for the Games, and hundreds more are expected to join the effort. In addition, more

than 1,000 families will serve as host families for the athletes.

Detroit has taken a leadership role in developing a national corporate structure for the Games, with Chrysler Corporation serving as the major sponsor. The Opening Ceremonies will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills, home of the NBA's Detroit Pistons. For more information call the Youth Games office at (313) 661-1000.

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## Lubavitch of North Carolina by Rabbi Yossi Groner

With the school year coming to an end, preparations are in full swing for the many summer programs at Lubavitch, primarily the Gan Israel Day Camp.

This year, enrollment is expected to be the largest in camp history, with a variety of new activities which will enrich both the Judaic and general experiences of the children.

The success of the camp is a result of the excellent quality of programs provided at the camp and the exceptional staff who care for each individual child.

Spring activities at Lubavitch included an outdoor Jewish country music concert on Lag b'Omer on Sunday, May 13. A huge crowd including recent Soviet Jewish immigrants attended the outdoor festival which featured a barbecue and picnic with a variety of delicious food.

The festival which was held at the Chabad House in Charlotte brought out many children with their parents to hear the famed Jewish entertainer, Moshe Yess, who has released over eleven popular albums featuring his many compositions and delightful Jewish folk music.

### Lubavitch Preschool and Day School

Children and teachers at Lubavitch preschool and day school prepared for the important holiday of Shavuot which was May 30-31 this year. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, which is the foundation of Judaism.

Chanie Weiss and Mariashi Groner, Judaica teachers at the school, used many creative arts and crafts projects to relate the historic holiday to the children. The children built a mountain with forty-nine steps, representing Mt. Sinai and the forty-nine days it took the Jews to reach Mt. Sinai while crossing the desert once they were released from Egypt.

The children also learned about the Torah which was given as a spe-



*Lubavitch day school students greeting Charlotte Police "Robot Cop."*



*Gabriel Rosenberg and Samantha Simon practicing on electric keyboard.*

cial gift to the Jewish people, with its many commandments which serve as a bond between the people and their creator.

They also learned the significance of the tradition of eating dairy foods on Shavuot, which was the first step in keeping Kosher. Since the Jews received the Torah and were not yet familiar with the laws of Kosher meat, they chose to eat dairy foods. The children practiced making cheese cake and cheese blintzes in honor of the holiday.

Peggy Davis, music teacher at Lubavitch school, has been working diligently with her students teaching musical rhythm and music notes. The children had a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate their skills in music and dance at "Teachers Ap-



*Peggy Davis leading Lubavitch preschoolers in music class.*

preciation Day" held at Shalom Park.

The Charlotte Police Department sent one of its newest additions, "Officer R.E.D.D., a Robot Cop," to visit Lubavitch preschool and day school students. The officer who was escorted by officer Couch answered questions and taught the students all about child safety and lit up with his bright lights to indicate his satisfaction with the children.

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to express a special thanks to all our teachers at Lubavitch preschool, day school and Talmud Torah: Peggy Davis, music; Susan Doobrow, kindergarten; Michelle Hodges, first/second grade; Keren Ledford, afternoon program; Shirley Luckadoo, preschool; Debbi Maslov, early childhood; Fern Sanderson, preschool; Aliza Schoenes, Talmud Torah; Beverly Wakefield, preschool; Rabbi Bin-yomin and Chanie Weiss, Judaica; and Mariashi Groner, administrator and Judaica teacher.



## **Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.**

by Millie Slatkoff

A growing number of groups within the framework of Temple Emanuel has helped confirm our commitment to a strong, vibrant Judaism in Winston-Salem. The Social Action Committee, co-chaired by Barbara Freiberg and Mike Tytell, reaches out to the community by becoming directly involved in projects. Members work with the Habitat for Humanity organization helping to build homes for needy families; from hammering nails to painting walls to cleaning up debris, there are jobs for everyone.

Child care services are provided to our neighboring church during their services at Christmas and Easter. In return, members of the church babysit for the temple during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Teens who are residents of the Youth Opportunity Homes are treated to special activities. On March 26, the Social Action Committee hosted an evening of miniature golf. Members of the group also cover a weekend at the Samaritan Shelter for the homeless. They collect food for the hungry and aid the Crisis Control Ministry.

The Caring Congregation Committee has evolved to meet the diverse needs of our congregants. Services will be provided in the form of visits from members, telephone calls and rides to the temple for Shabbat services and other events. The committee, chaired by Debbie Bednasz, met on May 3 to formulate final plans.

The T'Cheeyah chapter of BBYO has had a very successful year. The members became participants in the adopt-a-highway program and are keeping the road clean and green. They have held a Shabbat service, helped with the temple Purim activities, and socialized at parties and conventions. Their advisor is Carol Bergson.

The Prime-Timer's group brings

together members who are in the prime of their life and have time to socialize, have discussions, learn new things, and visit interesting places at a more leisurely pace.

The Sisterhood Torah Convocation service, held annually on the last day of Passover, provided stimulating, thought-provoking discussions for all who attended. Following a Yizkor service, conducted by Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, a panel of speakers—Adrienne Bishko, Debra Brody, Gail Citron and Herta Griffenhagen—spoke on "Liberal Jews Confront the Decade of the '90s."

On April 22, the Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day program was presented by the Temple Emanuel Adult Education Committee. Dr. Don Schoonmaker, professor of politics at Wake Forest University and an expert on German affairs, spoke about "German Unification: Hopes and Fears."

Two Soviet Jewish families will be coming to Winston-Salem in the very near future. They will be sponsored by the Jewish Community Council.

Milestones for the youth of the temple: April 29—Bat Mitzvah, Kacie Miller, daughter of Lois and Jeff Miller; June 15—Bat Mitzvah, Emily Sloan, daughter of Frances Brenner and Norman Sloan; June 23—Bat Mitzvah, Andrea Burton, daughter of Kathy and Steve Burton; June 1—Shavuot Confirmation: Eric Bergson, son of Carol and Roger Bergson; Rachel Burton, daughter of Kathy and Steve Burton; Michelle Kojen, daughter of Zina and Ephraim Kojen; David Schneider, son of Eileen and Ken Schneider.

The annual congregational meeting of Temple Emanuel will take place on June 3. The proposed slate of officers is as follows: David Levy, president; Bob Conn, Stephen Kramer, Debby Rubin and Bobby Stern, vice presidents; Joseph Reznick, treasurer; Dorothy Sulkin, secretary. During the meeting, tribute will be paid to Ruth Erickson, the

temple's secretary for the past nine years. Ruth's assistance to the rabbi and the congregants has been invaluable. She will be retiring this June.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

April was a very busy month for Beth Israel, filled with many joyful occasions, darkened, however, by the remembrance service in memory of the Holocaust, parallel services, of course, going on the world over.

Our calendar included on April 1, a pre-Passover Study, "Seder Insights," studying the Haggadah and sharing ways to make our Seders more interesting. On April 3, we met to hear about the "Laws of Passover (Hilchot Pesach), What We May and May Not Eat on Passover and Why." On the festive Bat Mitzvah weekend for Tammy Gabai, she contributed to the conducting of services on Friday night and the reading from the Torah on Saturday. The Oneg Friday night, in her honor, was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. David Gabai, her parents. On Saturday, a Kid-dush luncheon followed the service for family and friends. Tammy's expressions on Friday dealt with her concerns for the homeless.

April 8, there was a Sunday School Passover Activity Day and on April 9, a service, Siyum for the First Born. On April 10, Beth Israel hosted a Passover service, led by Rabbi Birnham. April 13, at the Friday night service, Richard Harrison, a Beth Israel congregant, and director of Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless, gave a talk on "Homelessness in Asheville," and suggested ways in which we can make a difference in alleviating this local problem. Sisterhood and Synagogue had their Board meetings on the 18th and 19th of April. On April 15, a beautiful Sunday, Beth Israel continued the Passover festivities with the first annual Passover picnic and hike at Lake Powhatan. Everyone brought their own "Pesadik Food" and drink.

On the weekend of April 20 and 21, the congregation joined with Ben and Isabel Shulimson in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children arranged the occasion in honor of their parents, and relatives from across the country came to share in this celebration, together with local family and friends. The weekend was highlighted, with Rabbi Birnham officiating, by the exchange of marriage vows. Ben Shulimson recited the Kiddush Friday night, and Isabel, mother and grandmother, who was Bat Mitzvahed a little over five years ago, led the Shacharit service on Saturday morning. The complete Shabbat service was followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

On April 23, Beth Israel participated with our sister congregation, Temple Beth Ha Tephila, in a meaningful Holocaust service, at Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, at which churches, their leaders and congregants, took part as in past years.

Moving right along, on April 24, there was a continuation of the Rabbi's Study Group, and on April 27, we had a Family Service (stories for children, song and prayer). Finally, on April 29, there was a joint Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila Sunday School Yom Ha Atzmaut—Israel Independence Day Celebration at the Temple Beth Ha-Tephila. The Asheville Jewish Community Center and the Asheville and Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah also participated in the day's activities.

In Education News, Rabbi will lead six classes, using Rabbi Golin-kin's book, Sholom Aleichem, in studying, singing and learning the main ingredients of the traditional Shabbat evening service. Requirement was only to be able to read Hebrew. Two parallel classes were planned to make the learning convenient for all, Wednesday evening and Sunday noon, an hour and a half each lesson. The plan was that if a student could not make one class, that person would be able to make it up at another parallel class going on.

In Synagogue News, we would like to thank Joseph and Beatrice Gullotta for their donation to the Jacob Rosen Library. We would like also to thank Morris Tenenbaum for his donation of an Epson LQ-850 printer to the Synagogue office. Rabbi Birnham wishes to extend a big Toda Rabba to the Youth Group "for being a great bunch of people—also, for schlepping all the food and clothes we collected way back in October" (for the poor); to Noah Benninga for the beautiful new Tallitot, to Bob Deutsch, attorney, for winning the "Case of the Easement"; to Carol Deutsch for the beautiful decorations at Schul for Purim; to Sisterhood for making delicious food for the Purim Bash; to David Gaynes for helping him teach 22 people to read Hebrew; to Dr. Norman Sollod, Dr. Hal Rotman and Sara Birnham for chanting Torah on past Shabbatot; and to Ruth Gaynes, Sunday School Principal, and Janet Freedman, her assistant, and all of the dedicated Sunday School teachers. Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood president, wishes to express appreciation to Roz Freedman for handling all of the Gift Shop details again this year and for the selling of the Passover candy.

Rabbi also announces that the present activities going on at Beth Israel in addition to the regular services and Sisterhood programs include: Rabbi's Study Group, studying the Principles of Conservative Judaism; Adult Ed courses on all the Holidays; Hebrew was another focus—we taught 22 adults to read Hebrew on one Sunday—the Rabbi led four one hour reviews, to help people retain what they learned; Friday Night Family Services once a month; study of the Weekly Torah (Sidrah) portion, every Thursday evening at Beth Israel or the Gaynes' home; Sunday mornings, the oldest eight kids and their parents joined him in studying the Jewish Life Cycle and other issues; every Sunday morning after Minyan, they study Mishna; Rabbi and his wife, Sara, shared a wonderful Saturday night with the Youth Group; every Shabbat morning from about 10:00-

11:15 they read the Torah and have invigorating discussions; and a Social Action Committee is in the planning.

In Community Affairs, Sally and Dr. Eliot Katz participated in the super city walks to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

We are proud of our Senior Class in Sunday School, which is working on a unit about Ethiopian Jews. Together they composed this poem written to an Ethiopian boy for Passover. Many Amharic words, the national language of Ethiopia, were used. The English translation is in brackets.

### TO DANIEL ON FASIKA (PESACH)

Ten Yest' Elen! (Greetings!)  
My Ethiopian Cousin.  
We are different yet the same.  
We pray to the same Elohe, (G-d)  
You had a very different lijnnet (childhood)  
I'm glad you're no longer a Falasha (stranger)  
Living in a mender (village)  
Does it feel good to be a free cheqla? (child)  
You finally made it  
After a dangerous journey—  
Like the Exodus from Egypt.  
Ene Ananten Lemerdat Efellgallehu  
(We will help you all we can!)  
Your Beta Sab (family) can hope for a better life  
Together in Israel, together with your people.  
We have a common future,  
Let's have taji (honey drink),  
Like two zamadat. (old friends)

*Written by the Senior Class on March 25, 1990: Robin Deutsch, Dana Friedman, Tammy Gabai, Hannah Levin, Tamara Rys and Lauren Seidenberg; Teachers: Bob Deutsch and Rick Slosman.*

## Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

### Shabbat Friendship Circle

At the meeting on the morning of April 7, Ted Rose presented the D'var Torah on "Zav," Leviticus 6:1-8:36, the portion dealing with sacrifices. Rose and Ted Rose supplied the refreshments. This was the fifth in a series on "A Contemporary View of the Torah."

### The Sisterhood

Follow-up on the Temple Seder: After early services in the Sanctuary, Unger Hall was filled with the



happy sounds of children and convivial adults and the happy silence of the crowd consuming the plentiful and delicious food. Home-made touches, besides the famous Janowitz Matzah balls, were the bowls of Charoses from the hands of Hilde Hoffman. Choir member Pam Simmons sang, with Jean Valerio at the piano. The well-attended event took place under the capable direction of Sisterhood President Muriel Marks.

Sisterhood invited everyone to a continental breakfast and study with Rabbi Bluming on April 16, just prior to Yizkor Memorial worship concluding the festival of Passover. Rabbi Bluming discussed "Perspectives on Yizkor: What Does Remembering Mean?"

### **The Brotherhood**

The Twenty-First Annual Clergy Institute, sponsored by the Brotherhood, was held at the Temple on May 15. Guest lecturer was Rabbi Marc H. Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte. His topic was "Jew and Non-Jew—Classical Insights on Interfaith Relations." Rabbi Wilson is serving as president of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association.

### **Adult Education**

Rabbi Bluming began a new 5-week series on April 24. The course was entitled "Reform Judaism Today" and dealt with Reform Judaism's approach to today's concerns.

### **The Religious School**

Passover was observed with a Model Seder on April 8 in Unger Hall. Students and teachers helped Rabbi Bluming conduct this special Seder.

This year's Confirmation students are a combined 7th through 9th grade group, studying with Dr. Stan Marks and Rabbi Bluming, covering topics in American Jewish history, ethics, Judaism and Christianity and Bible studies.

### **Notes on Our Rabbi**

On March 27, Rabbi Bluming was host to 45 students from Madison High School and their teacher, Mrs. Ramsey. As part of their studies in history, they took a tour of the Sanctuary and learned of the Jewish contribution to Western civilization.

The Rabbi participated in an Interfaith Service saluting the volunteers at St. Joseph's Hospital on April 19.

### **Holocaust Observance**

On April 23, the community gathered at the Temple to honor the memories of those Jews and Gentiles who perished in the Holocaust. Community leaders participated, as well as many members of the clergy, including Father James Solari of St. Eugene's Church; Rev. Neil Zabritsky, All Souls Episcopal Church; Rev. C. Marian Starr, St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Rev. Dwayne Carter, First Congregational Church; Dr. Page Lee, Mars Hill College; Rev. Pete DeSaix, retired, of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Rabbi Shmuel Birnham, Congregation Beth Israel; Rabbi Ronald Bluming, Congregation Beth ha-Tephila; and Rev. Arthur Fogerty of First Presbyterian Church.

### **Mazel Tovs**

Congratulations to Dr. Mark and Maryann Jaben on the birth of their son, Isaac Louis, on March 3; to Mrs. Augusta Schrier on her 95th birthday; and to Mrs. Leon Feldman on the engagement of her grandson, Stuart Backer, to Karen Barnet of Charleston.

## **Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Adam Bernstein**

Temple Beth El V'Shalom is in the early stages of designing a new facility that will be located in Shalom Park, on the campus with the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte.

Alan Blumenthal, Mark Silverman and Mickey Gold make up the Building Committee which is negotiating and working with the architect and coordinating design of the new building.

After spending more than two months interviewing five architectural firms, all of which had experience designing synagogues, the committee chose Princeton Architectural Studio of Princeton, N.J. for the pro-

ject. Gold, Silverman and Blumenthal are currently in early discussions with the firm about the temple's design.

The committee will work with eight subcommittees. Each of the smaller groups will study and make recommendations regarding a specific area that will be part of the new temple, such as administrative offices, the chapel or synagogue.

The targeted date for the new temple's opening is September of 1991.

The site of Temple Beth El V'Shalom's old building has been sold, and the congregation will have to move out by mid-June. Until the new building opens, contingency plans call for regular Friday night Sabbath services to be held in the Jewish Community Center's auditorium, Gorelick Hall, and the administrative offices to move into a small house on the Shalom Park campus. As in years past, the congregation will continue to celebrate High Holy Day services in two local churches, Myers Park Baptist and Providence Baptist Church.

The temple plans to have a special farewell service on June 8. More than 20 past presidents of Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Shalom and the merged congregation have been invited to recount some of their favorite memories about the old temple as the congregation looks forward to the new facility.

## **The Jewish Museum New York, N.Y.**

The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028, announces the following exhibitions for spring and summer: "In the Court of the Sultan: Sephardi Jews of the Ottoman Empire," until June 28. 300 objects of various media.

"From His Mates: The Scrimshaw Cane of Uriah P. Levy, Commodore of the U.S. Navy" until July 1. Portraits and graphics depict Commodore Levy.

"Exodus and Exile: 2000 Years in Ancient Israel," until November. 200 archaeological objects.

## Christian-Jewish Dialogue

by Estelle Hoffman

*The Dialogue and the Scriptures: Constructive Developments* was presented at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C., on April 18 with the Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M. as principal speaker. Father Pawlikowski, a Servite priest and professor of Social Ethics at the Catholic Theological Union at the University of Chicago, is a prolific author of books and articles.

He is a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council; the Advisory Committee, Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Council of Churches' Faith and Order Study Commission on "Israel: Land, People, State;" Catholic Theological Society; American Society of Christian Ethics; American Academy of Religion; National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry; and the Academic Council of the National Institute on the Holocausts. These organizations bespeak his interests, to which he brings a vast knowledge of history, philosophy and religion relevant to his many contributions to our society.

He was a lecturer at the 1984 Interfaith Institute of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis at Wildacres. As an American Roman Catholic of Polish ancestry, he is a cherished friend of Jews in important areas.

Respondent in the program at Belmont Abbey College was Rabbi

David M. Zielonka, M.A.H.L. He is rabbi of Temple Emanuel, Gastonia, N.C. and adjunct professor at Dallas College, Dallas, N.C. and Belmont Abbey College. He has served as rabbi in Cincinnati, Ohio, Elmira, N.Y., Easton and Reading, Pa. and Albany and Bambridge, Ga. He has taught at Chemung Valley Lay Academy and Elmira College, Elmira, N.Y., Lehigh Valley Lay Academy, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa. and Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. He is author of many publications, notably *The Eager Immigrants*.

Many who attended the Dialogue were impressed by information learned during the sessions on *Recent Theological Developments between Catholics and Jews* and what the speakers had to say about *Israel, Auschwitz and the Holocaust*, in addition to their dialogue on *The Scriptures*. Father Pawlikowski is a proponent of contemporary interpretations of the Bible and New Testament.

Some of the observations are worth remembering from his talks. He called attention to the fact that the New Testament is truncated, in that its Books were written by and for people conversant with the Bible, assuming that it was not necessary to include what was familiar. In later Christianity, often the Hebrew Bible was discounted, but Christian theologians today are reminding their adherents that Jesus lived and died a Jew. They now believe that there is no way to understand Jesus without the Bible and a knowledge of the

Jews in Jesus' time.

Judaism had evolved for many centuries until the time of Jesus, and just as our contemporary Judaism cannot be equated with that of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, it was different also in the first century of the Common Era.

Father Pawlikowski stated that in former times, some Christian theologians believed that all of the New Testament was unique and that its preachings were original. Those who studied the Bible knew that most of what was written in the New Testament could be found in "The Old," our Bible. A noteworthy exception to that class was the Puritans who founded America and whose faith was based on Biblical teachings, with less emphasis on New Testament sources.

Rabbi Zielonka denoted excerpts from the Bible frequently used out of context and misinterpreted either in the New Testament or in Christian theology. A common attitude of the Church to The Scriptures is that they are the framework of their belief. Jews instead view The Scriptures as both a history and a guide to human behavior, telling us what God expects of us and how we should relate to each other: *Tikkun Olam, Repair the World*.

Both Christian and Jewish theology is starting to view The Scriptures in this way. It's for us all.

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue (formerly Catholic-Jewish Dialogue) is sponsored by The Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College under the chairmanship of Father Oscar Burnette, O.S.B. of Belmont Abbey.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Father Pawlikowski has received the 1990 Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award in Chicago, for his efforts on behalf of people in need.

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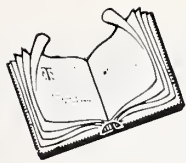
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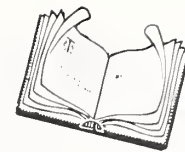
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# Book Reviews



## **Voice of Israel: Essays on and Interviews with Yehuda Amichai, A.B. Yehoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz**

by Joseph Cohen

State University of New York Press  
241 pp. \$17.95 paperback \$54.50  
hardcover

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Readers of *The American Jewish Times Outlook* are acquainted with the writing of Joseph Cohen from his outstanding book reviews in our publication. *Voices of Israel* is written in his delightful literary style, and this analysis of the works of five foremost Israeli writers of today teaches much about the society of Israel, its people's lives and problems.

During visits to Tulane University, where Joseph Cohen is Professor of English and the founding director of the Jewish Studies Program, he interviewed these writers. The interviews follow each chapter on the works of the author, giving us insight into his background and personality.

Three of the men are novelists; two are poets. Many of their works have been translated into English and are available to us. Because of Joseph Cohen's profound literary background, his observations are significant. He perceives the influences of Western novelists which combine with the authors' experiences to produce this "New Wave" in Israeli literature.

Although there has been Jewish literature since Biblical times, no tradition of novels written in Hebrew existed at the time of the creation of the present State of Israel. Added to that lack, writers who made Aliyah from Europe had to adjust to the Sephardic usage of Hebrew, the difference in pronunciation and cadence and the challenge of modern-

ization of the classical language. *Voices of Israel* endows us with the ability to understand the motives and techniques of the authors discussed by drawing parallels to works with which we are familiar.

In the *Conclusion*, Joseph Cohen promises that we can understand "the Israeli psyche and come to grips with the existential *angst* of the Israeli people" by reading the works of these spokesmen for Israel. They speak to Jews in the diaspora, in particular.

To understand the reality of life in Israel now and the mentality and attitudes of Israelis, one could do no better than to read the writings of their modern authors. They may be regarded as present-day prophets of Israel, though their message is often universal.

## **Conflict and Accommodation between Jews in Israel**

Edited by Charles S. Liebman

Avi Chai 238 pp. paperback

This book is a collection of written material by Israelis, with one exception. The editor, Charles S. Liebman, is professor of political science at Bar-Ilan University and the author of many studies dealing with religion and society among Jews. He is co-author of *Two Worlds of Judaism: The American and Israeli Experience* (Yale University Press).

Avi Chai is a foundation consisting of individuals with knowledge of Israeli society. The goal is to attempt to play a role in increasing understanding and sensitivity in Israel among "Jews of different levels of religious commitment and observance." Dr. Liebman is chairman of the project.

*Conflict and Accommodation between Jews in Israel* has been published in English and Hebrew, to enable readers to understand the

tensions which exist in Israeli society, through the reports of the studies conducted.

Avi Chai is a private philanthropic foundation located at 509 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. The book is available by writing to them.

## **We Are Leaving Mother Russia: Chapters in the Russian Jewish Experience**

Edited by Kerry M. Olitzky

The American Jewish Archives,  
3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, OH  
45220-2488 75 pp. \$10.00

paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The photograph on the front cover of *We Are Leaving Mother Russia* strikes a resonant note in the Jewish viewer. In it, a group of people of varied ages stand against a background of huts with thatched roofs and a few trees. The ground on which they stand is earthen. The photo was taken in 1922. In that ground are the roots of many American Jews.

This book is a collection of essays based on a series of lectures presented by the Jewish Institute of Religion of the Hebrew Union College. The first, by Pamela S. Nadell, describes those who chose to leave Russia and their reasons. The difficulties of emigration and trials and conditions of the voyages are described, and those who assisted them are named.

From 1870 to 1924, 2½ million Jews left Eastern Europe. More than 2 million came to the United States.

Kenneth Libo's essay on *The Yiddish Press in America* tells of the enormous role played by Yiddish publications in acclimatizing Russian Jewish immigrants.

Further writings describe the lives of those new American Jews in the early 20th century and the arrival of

Russian Jews now. Comparison is made of resettlement of Russian Jews in America to resettlement in Israel and statistics are given of which Jews go to each country and how they adapt.

Finally, Dan N. Jacobs, a professor of political science and specialists in Soviet affairs, has written an *Afterword: Is There a Future for Jews in the U.S.S.R.?* It is a careful assessment of the politics and possible results of the current changes in the Soviet Union.

### **Songs for a Family Seder**

45-minute cassette \$7.95

### **My Very Own Haggadah**

by Judyth Robbins Saypol and Madeline Wikler

32 pp. \$2.95

### **A Family Haggadah**

by Shoshana Silberman

64 pp. \$3.95

Published by Kar-Ben Copies, Inc. of 6800 Tildenwood Ln., Rockville, Md. 20852

*Songs for a Family Seder* is a tape recording by Cantor Robert Freedman. Narrative about the Seder and its songs are conducted by Cantor Freedman with children's voices joining his. This tape is recommended especially for families with young children.

*My Very Own Haggadah* is a Seder Service for very young children. It has had eight printings since 1975 and is revised in this edition. A bit of preparation for Passover is described. The abbreviated service takes about 30 minutes. Songs and blessings (in English and Hebrew) are included. Attractive illustrations are suitable for coloring.

*A Family Haggadah* blends text and commentary, following the traditional order of the Seder. The text is on the right-hand pages with colorful illustrations, explanations, comments and questions on facing pages.

Subtitled "In Every Generation," this Haggadah will serve well in families with children of varied ages.

*Family Haggadah* and *Songs for a Family Seder* may be purchased for \$10.95. Order from publisher for future Passover Seders.

### **Seder Tu Bishevat — The Festival of Trees**

by Rabbi Adam Fisher

CCAR Press 98 pp. \$6.95

*Seder Tu Bishevat — The Festival of Trees* is a poetic celebration of God's love for the world and nature's rebirth after winter. Ideal for congregational and home use, this volume blends music, prayer and poetry creating a memorable experience for sharing. *Seder Tu Bishevat* will also aid parents who want to instill a greater appreciation of the environment in their children.

*Seder Tu Bishevat* contains two Seders — the first is directed toward children of different ages — the second Seder is geared to the understanding of younger children. With more than 20 songs and full musical accompaniment, original poetry by Adam Fisher and poetic passages drawn from traditional sources, *Seder Tu Bishevat* evokes a love for God and nature and respect for our planet.

### **The Funniest Man in the World**

190 pp. \$12.95

### **More of the Funniest Man in the World**

190 pp. \$12.95

by Ephraim Kishon  
Shapolsky Books

*The Funniest Man in the World* is the wild and crazy humor of Ephraim Kishon, the world's bestselling humorist. Kishon, author of fifty successful books and films, is internationally renowned for his stories of the lunacy which fills our daily lives. He was born in Hungary and fled to Israel in 1949. His books have been translated into many languages, including Japanese and Icelandic. He is enormously popular in Germany.

*More of the Funniest Man in the World* is an excellent sequel, and is guaranteed to make you laugh. Kishon is featured in *The Guinness Book of World Records*, because over 35,000,000 copies of his earlier titles have been sold worldwide.

### **Waiting for the Soviet Jews to Arrive**

(Continued from page 3)

And now, in just a few moments, people whom I've never met yet who are not really strangers, will begin an experience, the likes of which they have never known and maybe could never even have imagined.

They're coming to live in Charlotte, North Carolina, United States of America; to begin new lives; to become neighbors and friends; to join an existing and healthy Jewish community and to expand it as very few new Charlotteans have before. They are coming to live the dream of freedom.

I expect that in the months and years ahead we'll be taught many lessons about the freedoms which we (occasionally) take for granted; freedoms which others do not share.

Its quite a commitment these people are making, packing a family and moving to a foreign country to start again; to leave known fears behind and replace them with new and unknown ones which may lie ahead; to make life better in a new place. Moscow and Charlotte are very different places, especially if you're a Jew.

Washington and Israel, not so long ago nor so far away; actually in a few moments it will be here and now, and some dreams are about to come true. I think the door to C7 is about to open. . .

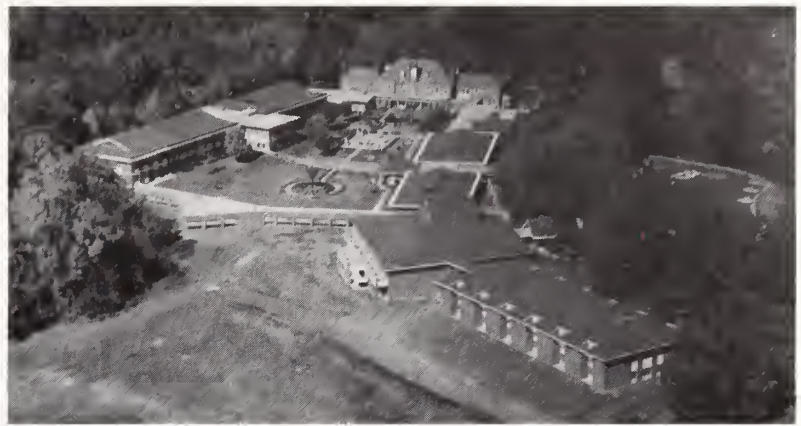
EDITOR'S NOTE: We know that Soviet Jews are being settled in many communities throughout the Carolinas. We would like to print your stories and pictures if you wish to share them with our readers.



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## JUNE 1990

### CELEBRATING THE DREAM – LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

“N. C. Jewish Home Report Published on Recycled Paper,” read the headline of the article in the Clemmons Courier on Tuesday, November 18, 1971. This was the 5th Annual Report based on the proceedings of the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 7, 1971, and its theme was “What Happens Within – Now & Future.”

“Since ‘What Happens Within’ is based on environment, Elbert Levy, Executive Director of the Home, decided to use a paper that would . . . amplify the need to preserve the ecological balance of our environment and . . . aid in the conservation of one of our most valuable natural resources, trees,” states the Courier, November 18. He stated, “Good ecological balance, gerontologically speaking, refers to health, well being and longevity by minimizing, at least, the onset of certain respiratory ailments that may effect life, particularly, that of



*Since 1979, the Italian marble fountain, in memory of Ben Klein, and the Madolyn Blumenthal garden behind it have added lasting beauty to the central courtyard.*

the Elderly. Realistically one can say environment has a direct relation to medical costs.” In looking to our past, we discover those who looked with concern to our future.

The environment of the Home, both within and without, bore

witness to the dedication of those who cared for its future. At the 10th Annual Meeting, November 14, 1976, Cy Jacobs, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the new addition to the Home was com-

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*Looking Toward The Future Con't.*

plete with a total cost of the project, including renovations to the original facility, to be approximately \$2,100,000. On July 11, 1978, the name of the North Carolina Jewish Home was changed to the Blumenthal Jewish Home in honor of I.D. Blumenthal. I. D.'s "miracle" was indeed looking toward the future. At the 13th Annual Meeting in October, 1979, a living garden and an Italian marble fountain in the atrium of the Home were dedicated to honor Madolyn Blumenthal and Ben Clein, both benefactors of the Home.

On Saturday night, October 4, 1980, the mansion of the Home was filled with those who came to celebrate the 15th Anniversary. A gala ball was held that evening, and the next day, Sunday, October 5, the Grand Builders Plaque was dedicated. Located in the breezeway between A and B Wings, this plaque contains the names of all Grand Builders, the contributors who helped consolidate the dream.

### IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:  
Frances Halbrook  
Charles Hamm  
Anna Lefkowitz  
Sara Mackler

May their cherished  
memories bring comfort  
to their loved ones.

## BJH NEWS

Editor - Sue Clein

### WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy,  
and happy life.

Regina Becker  
*Winston-Salem, NC*

Mary Ellen Capper  
*Hemet, CA*

Ura (Peggy) Cole  
*Davidson, NC*

Phoebe Cooper  
*Rural Hall, NC*

Braxton Gallup  
*Pfafftown, NC*

Thomas Ginn  
*Winston-Salem, NC*

Rae Glickman  
*Newport, KY*

Gale Rorer  
*Pfafftown, NC*

Lee Sweetbaum  
*Gastonia, NC*

Hedy Warner  
*Greensboro, NC*



*Marian Glasser, new BJH resident from Charlotte, N.C., enjoys her favorite past-time, knitting, while enjoying the sunshine of her new Home.*

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in June:

#### 4 Years

Gail Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

#### 3 Years

Lydia Sparrow, *Controller*  
Donnelle Vaughn, *Ofc. Mgr.*

#### 2 Years

Debbie Dulin, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*  
Keith Elliott, *Maintenance*

#### 1 Year

Mike Kelly, *Gen. Services Dir.*  
Linda Smith, *LPN, Fair Oaks*  
Pam Truitt, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*  
Arlene van de Rijn,  
*Mkt./Vol. Ser.*



*Our best wishes go to Pearl Spellman, a dedicated employee of the Home since 1976. Pearl recently retired after 13 years as a cook in the Dietary Department. Staff, residents and friends gathered at a reception on April 30 to honor Pearl, thank her for her devotion to the Home and wish her future happiness.*



# FAIR OAKS

## A FULL HOUSE IS A WINNER

Welcoming new residents has kept folks busy during April with five newcomers now making a "full house." Sounds like a winning hand and it is.

Winning hands are often seen in Fair Oaks as residents are enjoying bridge and canasta and ma jong games with their new Fair Oaks friends and with our "card shark" volunteers.

Happy hour is a winning time for new residents to meet the crowd and a favorite time for everyone to enjoy cocktails, snacks and kibbitzing in the Commons.

Food and happy times seem to go together, and residents recently enjoyed lunch at Newmarket Grille in Winston-Salem and Starmount Country Club in Greensboro. They also went to Baskin Robbins and had dinner at Kyoto Japanese Steak & Seafood House in Winston-Salem.

Traveling in style, recent trips were also winning events including a trip to the N.C. Transportation Museum in Salisbury, an outing to Tanglewood Park, a scenic drive through Clemmons, shopping at Hanes Mall, and a visit to B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro.

Fair Oaks is a gracious place to live and, with a full house, it's a sure winner.



*Fair Oaks residents are enjoying a favorite activity, a game of bridge. Seated, left to right: Esther Pearson, Nelly Schwarz, Irene Mendelson and Syd Kastel. Standing is Hedy Warner.*



*Happy hour is a good time for socializing in Fair Oaks. Seen here enjoying it are, left to right: Sigmund Meyer, Gail Ruthfield, social worker, and George Lewin.*

# BJH NEWS BRIEFS



Virginia Brown, Fair Oaks resident, is surrounded by her new "schoolmates" at B'nai Shalom Day School, Greensboro.

• **BACK TO SCHOOL AT B'NAI SHALOM** — The pins were all bright neon colors, purple, blue, green and red shiny hearts, triangles and mod designs. They were almost as bright and shiny as the faces belonging to the young hands helping or the shiny eyes of the young-at-heart who were visiting. It was Friday morning at B'nai Shalom Day School, Greensboro, North Carolina, and the fourth and fifth grade students were busy working with their new friends from BJH. Students and residents were involved in a jewelry-making project the results of which satisfied everyone's creative spirit. Satisfaction for body and soul took place as the students from all the classes gathered for lunch. Delighted residents shared the Shabbat blessings and enjoyed the children's singing following lunch. Waving goodbye to the residents boarding the bus, the students called,

"Come back soon." Going back to school can't get much better than this. Thanks to Susan Cook, Director of the school, for initiating this inter-generational program. B'nai Shalom is a school filled with warmth, joy and creative spirit, a good place for all ages to learn together.



Left: Ida Temko joined in the celebrating spirit for Israel Independence Day.



Ann Listokin brings beautiful music to BJH.

- **ANN LISTOKIN, PIANO, AND ROBERT FRANZ, OBOE**, were featured in the Brenner Concert Series on Sunday, April 22. Residents and guests enjoyed the beautiful performance by these musical artists. Many of the classical concerts this year have been coordinated by Ann Listokin. Thanks to Ann, BJH has been the beneficiary of the talents of Ann and the students and performers with whom she works.
- **BERMUDA VILLAGE CHORUS** filled the Commons with singing on April 26. Residents and visitors were soon toe-tapping and singing along with the chorus to familiar old favorites.
- **ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY** was celebrated on Monday, April 30, when Morris Chotin, Cantor of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte, North Carolina, visited and conducted a program of Jewish music. Cantor Chotin's beautiful voice filled the Commons Auditorium and residents, inspired, joined in singing remembered songs.





*School days are really golden days when they are an opportunity for young and old to learn together. Sharing this special time and getting to know each other are BJH residents and students from B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro. Seen clockwise from above left are: Julie Samet & Bertha Lippman, Clara Wilkerson & Dani Gray, and Rose Halpern & Peter Baggish.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JUNE

Etta Dean  
Lela Edmonds  
Carrie Frye  
Thomas Ginn  
Rose Halpern  
Freda Hurwitz  
Syd Kastel  
Lena Krieger  
Bertha Lippman  
Sally Miller  
Margaret Osborn  
Leo Schwartz  
David Sollow

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 5** Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 6** Leave for Spring Celebration, Winston-Salem, 9 a.m.
- 10** Brenner Concert, Alan Kaufman, Commons Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 12** Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 15** Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.
- 17** Leave for Music at Sunset, Clemmons, 6 p.m.
- 22** Beach Bash, Commons Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 26** Comfort Clothing, Muriel Wangler, Living Room, 10a.m. – noon.

# SUE'S NEWS

## SWEET OPPORTUNITIES



*Irene Schwartz joins the volunteer program as a secretarial assistant.*



*Esprit de Corps, a barbershop quartet from Harmony International, were delightful entertainers for the May birthday party. Left to right are Charlotte Shupe, Debra Perret, Cindy Minter and Eva Kaplan.*

Students from Wake Forest University have joined our ranks again as volunteers during their spring semester. Four student interns studying Sociology of the Aging have spent one afternoon a week at the Home this semester. We have given them an opportunity to learn about aging, and they have shared themselves with the new friends they have made. We will miss these new faces, their weekly chess and bingo games, their pool table "instruction," and especially their cheerful visits. We are thankful for this joint opportunity, a learning experience for all of us.

Welcoming a new volunteer is an opportunity we always enjoy. The sweet smile of new volunteer Irene Schwartz is enjoyed by those upstairs in the mansion offices. Irene volunteers once a

week with secretarial assistance to the Development Office (she can be found at the typewriter in the Marketing Office). We welcome Irene to our volunteer corps.

Celebrating with an old volunteer took place on May 1st at the surprise party in honor of Darrel Mandelstamm. Residents and staff enjoyed surprising Darrel with a yogurt party held at the usual time of Darrel's "Current News" hour. Darrel has given the Home many hours each week conducting discussion groups, taking photographs, serving as chef at the barbecue grill, presenting puppet shows as well as many hours of visiting and assisting residents and staff in many ways. Having a volunteer like Darrel is a real treat, and sharing our thanks is a sweet opportunity.



*Darrel Mandelstamm is the regular leader of the weekly current news discussion group but is often seen enjoying other volunteer opportunities.*



# What's Developing?

## "A Gift To Yourself – And To The Home"

by Bob Young, Director of Development

Mr. Moe Mandel, pictured here in his room in Fair Oaks at the Home, recently made a generous gift of \$50,000 to the Home. This gift made it possible for the Home to accept its first Charitable Gift Annuity.

The Charitable Gift Annuity is an excellent way to make a gift to yourself — and to the Jewish Home!

It is very simple to carry out:

You take some of your assets (stocks, bonds, cd's, real estate, jewelry, artwork, etc.) and give them to the Home.

The Home takes these assets and invests them in such a way as to provide maximum benefit to you for life.

The benefits to you are significant:

You receive, for your life (and the life of another, if you choose) a guaranteed, fixed income for life.

Your income is often greater than you were receiving from interest, dividends, etc. on the assets you have given.

You receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction for your gift to the Home. The tax deduction is a portion of the value of the assets you have given and may be used over a period of as much as six years.

Much of the income you receive is tax-free, thus further increasing your cash flow.

You may have further substantial tax savings on capital gains, preference, gift, or estate taxes.



*Moe Mandel, Fair Oaks resident, presents Bob Young with a generous gift to the Home.*

You have satisfaction in knowing that you are well-protected for life, that your mate (or another) is protected for life, and that your gift will ultimately benefit the Home.

These are some of the benefits. We can explore others.

Mr. Mandel's very helpful gift included stocks, bonds, and cash.

For this gift, Mr. Mandel receives substantial benefits, including 1) an increase in income on the assets he gave the Home; 2) a guaranteed, fixed income for life, determined by his age and his gift; 3) more than one-half of the income as tax-free income, thus increasing cash flow; 4) a substantial

income tax deduction, based on age of donor and amount of gift; 5) the satisfaction of helping the Home in a generous way with a gift that will live on for years to come.

On behalf of the Residents, Board, and Staff, I want to express genuine appreciation to Moe Mandel for his interest in the Home — and for pioneering this first Charitable Gift Annuity gift. Because the benefits are many and are significant for each donor, we fully anticipate lots of other such gifts from friends of the Home.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A GIFT TO YOURSELF — AND TO THE HOME, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL.**

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This list includes names of contributors for April. We want to know if there are any errors or omissions. Please call the Development Office at (919) 766-3035 if you have any corrections or questions.

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The following people have generously donated various items to the Home in the past few months:

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Saturday, October 27, 1990 – Gala Dinner

Sunday, October 28, 1990 – Annual Meeting and Brunch





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# Stunning Revelation about PLO's Role in Iranian Revolution

by Bertram Korn, Jr.

June 8, 1990—A French government intelligence report has revealed for the first time that senior officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization helped bring Ayatollah Khomeini to power in Iran and were involved in the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Teheran in 1979. The report's contents, which were leaked to the French news media in April, have received major national media attention in that country. Yet there has been no mention of the episode in the leading American news media.

The report was authored by Nikola Lang, a French envoy who negotiated with Khomeini regarding French hostages in Lebanon and who was a close friend of Hani al-Hasan, then the PLO's ambassador in Teheran. Through these contacts, Lang gained intimate knowledge of the PLO's role in Iran, and compiled a report that was originally submitted to French Premier Jacques Chirac in 1986. It was kept secret until it was leaked to the French newspaper *Le Figaro* on April 18 of this year.

"Before Khomeini came to power, the role that the Palestinians played was very important," Lang reveals. "They trained all the future cadres of Khomeini's regime in the PLO camps in Lebanon. The Palestinians were the 'advisors' to the supporters of Khomeini in organizing the street demonstrations and the chaos and riots that led to the fall of the monarchy in Iran."

Lang's report describes the key role of Hani al-Hasan, the longtime PLO ambassador in Teheran and a senior advisor to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. "Hani al-Hasan personally helped (Khomeini) a great deal," according to the report. "We might say that from 1979 to the end of 1980, he was Khomeini's 'advisor,' an advisor many of whose recommendations were acted upon by Khomeini."

Among the episodes in which al-Hasan was intimately involved, according to Lang, was the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Teheran, in which more than fifty innocent American diplomatic personnel were held hostage for over a year. "Al Hasan and the Palestinians played an important role in taking the diplomats at the U.S. embassy hostage in Teheran," Lang notes.

Lang goes on to document how during the early 1980s, the PLO carried out a series of terrorist bombings directed at French civilians, in order to pressure France to release a number of Moslem terrorists being held by the French.

With the publication of the Lang Report in *Le Figaro*, a leading French magazine, a storm of controversy erupted in France, prompting Channel 6, one of the principal French television stations, to devote an entire feature report to the subject.

One would expect the leak of the Lang Report to merit significant media attention in the United States as well. After all, the ordeal of the American hostages in Teheran is arguably the biggest story of the past decade, and the question of the relationship between the PLO and the U.S. government is currently a matter of vigorous public debate.

Why, then, have American news editors un-animously chosen to ignore the revelations of the French government report?

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## To the Editor: "Kindertransport" Participants Sought

The Kindertransport Association consists of Jews who, as very young children, fled the Holocaust in Europe without parents, and, after an arduous journey across Europe, ended up being saved in England. It is estimated that close to 2,500 of these 'Kinder' (children) eventually immigrated to the U.S. and Canada.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center is seeking to locate individuals from the "Kindertransport" for a reunion scheduled to take place in New York in November.

Please contact Avra Shapiro, Director of Communications, Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9760 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90035, for further information.

## Witnesses to Nazi Crimes Sought

The United States Department of Justice has asked the World Jewish Congress for assistance in locating Holocaust survivors who can aid in investigations currently underway of three cases on Nazi crimes during the Second World War.

In one case, the Justice Department is investigating the activities of the Ukrainian Police (Ukrainische Polizei) in Brzezany, Lwow, Podhajce, Rawa Ruska, Stanislawow, Stryj and Wisniowczyk and of the Byelorussian Police (Weissruthenische Schutzmannschaft) in Baranowicze, Koldyczewo, Myr, Nowogrodek, Slonim, Stolpce and Turzec (all places in prewar Poland, now USSR) during World War II.

In a second area of investigation, the Department is interested in locating persons who can describe the treatment of Jews or of other targeted groups in the town of Valmiera (Wolmar), Latvia, or in Valmiera district. The period involved is early July to the end of October 1941, especially the early summer.

In the third case, Justice Department investigators are interested in identifying and interviewing persons imprisoned at Kauen (formerly the Kaunas ghetto) from September 1943 to August 1944; at Stutthof from June 1944 to November 1944; or at Gotenhafen (Gdynia) from October 1944 to March 1945. They are seeking to locate these survivors in connection with the investigation of an alleged member of an SS guard company assigned to these camps.

Individuals who can be of assistance in these investigations are asked to contact: Miss Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 755-5770.

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## WWII Refugees Housed in Oswego, N.Y. Sought

A nationwide search has begun for memorabilia, artifacts and remembrances of the World War II refugee camp at Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York—the only American haven for refugees from the Holocaust during the war.

Nearly 1,000 refugees who fled the Holocaust were provided with a "safe haven" in this Great Lakes port city on eastern Lake Ontario. Emigrating from 17 countries in Europe and North Africa, they arrived on August 3, 1944 under a presidential order by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Today, a group of volunteers is working with the City of Oswego in constructing a "Safe Haven Museum" as a "living monument" to those people who found a haven from terror.

If you are interested in participating in the project in some way, please contact: Mr. Willard Schum, Safe Haven Museum, c/o R.D. #3, Box 62, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

## Modern Sports Cards of Jewish Athletes

by Les Gordan

Baseball card collecting has grown dramatically in popularity during the last decade. The surge in the hobby has been fueled both by the general sports mania in America today and by the nostalgia of the aging baby boomers. Football and basketball cards are also enjoying a level of popularity unheard of even a few years ago.

It would probably surprise many people that the scarcity of Jewish athletes in major league sports today is in sharp contrast to the significant roles they played in prior years. One way to reflect on their achievements is to examine their legacy on baseball, football and basketball cards.

Sports cards began their history in the nineteenth century as regional issues used to sell tobacco products to adults. The post World War II period marked the beginning of the modern era: baseball cards issued nationally as incentives for youngsters to purchase bubble gum.

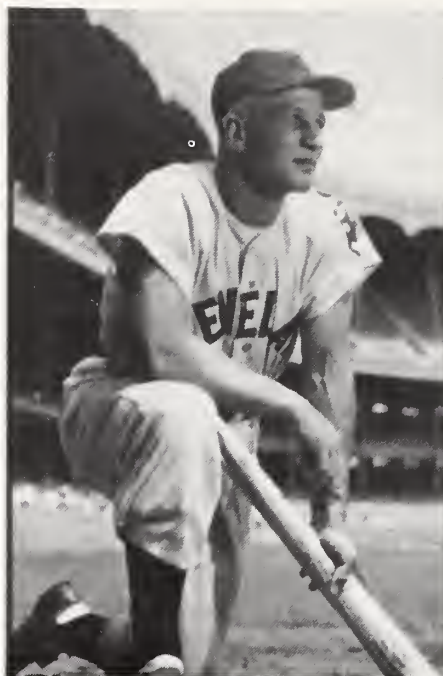
### Popular Baseball Cards

During the late forties and early fifties, the Topps Gum Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. and the Bowman Company of Philadelphia, Pa. battled for baseball card dominance with the weapons at hand: signing players to exclusive contracts, increasing card size and adding color photographs.

Out of this competition came what collectors generally recognize as one of the most beautiful and popular baseball card sets of all time: the 1953 Bowman color set.

The front of each card is a beautiful color photograph which displays an innocence not found in the cards of later years. The players are captured in reflective poses in front of expansive blue skies and white, puffy clouds. There are no crowds or other players that might intrude on the tranquil scenes.

The set consists of 160 cards of which five portray Jewish players of the time. The most prominent among them is Al Rosen. Born in Spartanburg, S.C., Rosen was the first unanimous Most Valuable Player Award



Al Rosen  
1953 Bowman Color

winner in 1953. He led the American League in home runs twice, including 37 in his rookie season of 1950. Those 37 rookie home runs stood as a major league record for almost forty years.

However, the most sought after of the five cards is the one of Cal Abrams of the Pittsburgh Pirates, a player of much more modest accomplishments. The Abrams card is number 160—the last of the set. Since collectors used to keep their collections together with rubber bands, the first and last cards absorbed the most wear. Consequently, the Abrams card in the better conditions which collectors desire is more rare than the Rosen card.

The other three Jewish players in the set are Sid Gordon of the Boston Braves, Joe Ginsberg of the Detroit Tigers and Saul Rogovin of the Chicago White Sox. All three cards clearly show the traditionally designed game shirts which most teams abandoned a generation ago.

Throughout the rest of the 1950s the number of baseball cards that featured Jewish players averaged between four and five per year out of sets that ranged from 300 to 500 cards. (Bowman's last year of production was 1955.)



Norm Sherry & Larry Sherry  
1961 Topps

The number of Jewish ballplayers increased slowly throughout the 1960s and peaked in the early 1970s. The 1972 Topps set had cards of thirteen Jewish athletes out of a total of 787 cards. After that year the number of cards steadily declined each year until the current situation of one or two Jewish major leaguers each year.

### Special Cards

In addition to the players' regular cards, each annual set usually contained extra cards which highlighted features of a special nature. One of the most unusual involved two Jewish players, Larry and Norm Sherry of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Larry as the pitcher and Norm as the catcher formed one of a handful of "brother batteries" in the history of major league baseball. (The pitcher/catcher combination in baseball is called a battery.) The significance of this situation was commemorated in a special 1961 Topps card titled "Brother Battery."

The purpose of special cards such as "Brother Battery" is to add interest to the annual sets. After all, there are only so many ways to photograph a batter batting or pitcher pitching. One of the best ways to add interest is to put a superstar on a card, even after his playing career is over.





*Sandy Koufax  
1965 Topps*

Such a situation involved Mike Epstein. He was a young hitter for the Washington Senators when he was fortunate enough to be featured on a 1969 Topps issue with the legendary Ted Williams. On the card Williams is giving Epstein a lesson in hitting. The card, titled "Ted Shows How," is the most sought after of Epstein's nine baseball cards.

When fresh ideas are hard to come by, just recycle some old ones. A prime example of this trend was evident a few years ago when Topps began a series of specialty cards called "Turn Back The Clock." These cards featured a miniature reprint of a card from a prior year with the highlights of that year printed on the back.

In 1988 Topps reflected on the year 1973 and reprinted the Ron Bloomberg card. On April 6, 1973 Bloomberg became the first designated hitter in the major leagues when he stepped up to bat for the New York Yankees against the Boston Red Sox in Fenway Park.

A "Turn Back The Clock" card from 1990 summarizes the 1965 season and features Sandy Koufax. As the Topps card recounts, Koufax did the following that year: 1) won 26 games; 2) won the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the league; 3) led the National League in earned run average with 2.04; 4) struck out a

record 382 batters; 5) pitched a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs; 6) pitched two World Series shut-out victories; and 7) was named the World Series Most Valuable Player. Simply put, he had a spectacular year.

### **Cards Reflect the Times**

Baseball cards have always reflected the style and mood of the times in which they were printed. This can be seen in many editions. For example, the 1955 Bowman cards depict the players as they might appear on color television screens, the newest craze in home electronics at the time. Lou Limmer, an infielder for the Kansas City Athletics, joined Cal Abrams and Sid Gordon as the three Jewish players represented in this set of 320 cards.

Topps was careful to avoid being on the leading edge of trends, however. The company waited until 1972 before it went psychedelic. An example is the Steve Stone card of that year with the team name printed in the bright lettering style of the era. Stone won the Cy Young Award in 1980 when he went 25-7 for the Baltimore Orioles.

Of course, ballplayers followed the hairstyles of their day. The range of cuts went from Ed Mayer's closely cropped cut on his 1958 Topps card to a generation later with Ross Baumgarten's 1983 card showing more hair with his cap on than most players reveal with their caps off.

Careers can be traced through baseball cards. For example, some players burst on the scene and become instant celebrities, and just as quickly, they fade into obscurity. Other players never achieve stardom but are able to survive in the major leagues for many years without acquiring fame.

One of the Jewish players who belong in this latter category is Moe Drabowsky. Drabowsky's rookie card came out in 1957, and his last card was printed in 1972. He was able to maintain a major league career for 17 years while averaging only four wins per year.

Some players produce year in and year out, but never become part of the

national consciousness that others do. For instance, just about every American, Jew or not, has heard of Sandy Koufax. Yet the pitcher who leads all Jewish hurlers in game appearances, innings pitched, and wins (including two no-hitters) is not Sandy Koufax. That pitcher is Ken Holtzman who, among other accomplishments, averaged 19 wins per season for four straight years with the Oakland A's from 1972 through 1975. His 1976 Topps card captures him in his delivery, but only a baseball fan would know of Holtzman's accomplishments.

Speaking of Sandy Koufax, he does hold one record which is no surprise: He is the Jewish player who appears on the most baseball cards. Not only did he have a longer than average career, but he also appeared on several "leader" cards (cards which feature league statistical leaders) and other special issues.

The "1963 National League Strike-out Leaders" is a typical Topps leader card. The position of Koufax at the top with the largest picture signifies that he led the league in strikeouts while the other two pitchers came in second and third.

### **Jewish Football Players**

If a Jewish major league baseball player is rare today, then a Jewish football player is an endangered species. But it was not always this way, because Jews played significant roles in big-time football a generation ago.

As proof of this the 1955 Topps All-American set is submitted. This set consisted of one hundred cards honoring the greatest college football players in the history of the game. Out of those one hundred players, five were Jewish.

The cards feature a close-up color painting of the player in action over a black and white photograph showing a football game. A color border surrounds the photograph. Each player's college logo is in the upper left or right corner. The player's name and position are noted at the bottom of the card.

The most famous of the five is Sid Luckman who played quarterback at Columbia University. He later starred

with the Chicago Bears from 1939 to 1950. He was an All-Pro for several years, won the National Football League's MVP Award in 1943 and is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The other four cards feature Marshall Goldberg, a halfback from the University of Pittsburgh, Aaron Rosenberg, a guard from the University of Southern California, and Harry Newman and Benny Friedman, both quarterbacks from the University of Michigan.

Although this special issue by Topps is imaginative and beautiful, generally the football cards of the 1950s tended to be rather prosaic as Sid Youngelman's 1958 Topps card illustrates.

Sid Youngelman was one of those players who saw the formation of the American Football League in 1960 as a chance to extend his professional career. He began in the National Football League with the San Francisco Forty-Niners in 1955, moved to the Philadelphia Eagles in 1956 through 1958 and the Cleveland Browns in 1959. Then it was on to the AFL with the New York Titans in 1960 and 1961, and he finally ended his career with the Buffalo Bills in 1962 and 1963. His last card is one of three Jewish players in the 1964 Topps set.

In the early 1960s the Fleer Company of Philadelphia, Pa. competed with Topps for the football card market. Fleer concentrated on the new AFL while Topps covered both leagues. Since most of the Jewish players were in the new AFL, the Fleer sets contain most of the Jews playing at that time.

The 1960 Fleer set was exclusively AFL players. These cards exhibit an almost cartoon-like quality about them. Each card shows an action photograph of the player accented in white against a solid colored background. Alan Goldstein, who appears on card 108, was an All-American who played at the University of North Carolina.

The 1961 Fleer set contained four Jewish players. Harry Jacobs was one of several Jews who played for the Boston Patriots in those early

years. In fact, the Patriots had no less than four Jewish players on their roster during their inaugural 1960 season.

Fleer issued football sets for only four players, after which Topps regained their monopoly. The result of this no competition situation was the return of the mundane card as exemplified by Ron Mix's 1967 Topps release.

Mix was the greatest Jewish football player of the post World War II era. As a tackle and guard for the San Diego Chargers, he played in every AFL All-Star game ever held. He was the second AFL player ever admitted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979.

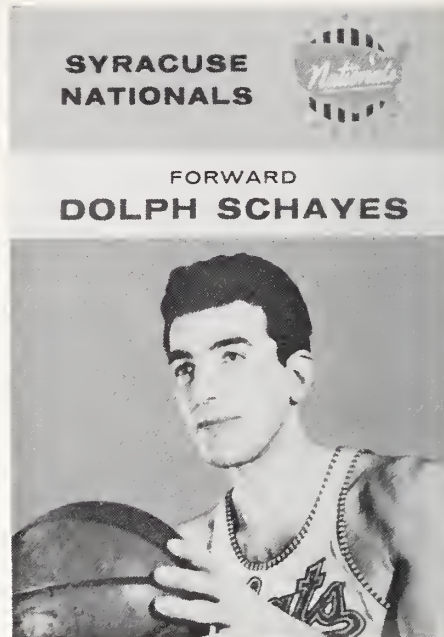
It took Topps several years, but by the time Randy Grossman's 1980 card appeared, the company had begun modernizing its designs. Grossman, a tight end, was a member of all four Pittsburgh Steeler Superbowl Championship teams.

#### **Basketball Cards**

Just as the National Basketball Association is a relative newcomer to professional sports, basketball cards also have a rather short history. Bowman issued a small sized set in 1948, and Topps later came in with the first standard 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inch set in 1957. It included the only card on which Len Rosenbluth of the University of North Carolina ever appeared. Rosenbluth was a key member of UNC's national championship team of 1957.

Topps did not follow with additional sets until 1971. That set included Neal Walk's rookie card. Walk was the second player chosen in the 1969 college draft; the first player was none other than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Fleer issued its first basketball set in 1961, and today those cards look every bit of their 29 years of age. The dominant player of that era was Dolph Schayes. Between 1948 and 1964 he played in over 1000 NBA games, grabbed over 11,000 rebounds and scored over 19,000 points. He was an all-star twelve of those sixteen years, and his career scoring record stood for over twenty years.



*Dolph Schayes 1961 Fleer*

Fleer did not re-enter the basketball card field until a generation later in 1983. Remarkably, Schayes' son, Dan, who plays for the Denver Nuggets appeared on this 132 card set. His 1989 Fleer card shows that he has a striking resemblance to his father.

#### **Other Sports**

In addition to the three sports mentioned above, Jewish athletes have appeared on boxing and hockey cards. There are around 375 post World War II nationally issued sports cards that feature about 65 Jewish players. The vast majority of these are readily available for collectors.

If you cannot identify with Jose Canceso or Michael Jordan or Joe Montana, there are several Ed Newmans, Norm Millers and Rick Auerbachs that you might have something in common with after the game is over.

*Les Gordan, a sports cards collector, is a C.P.A. with The Cato Corporation in Charlotte where he has lived since 1979 with his wife and three sons.*

*For further reading about Jewish athletes, see the following books:*

*Encyclopedia of Jews in Sports, Bernard Postal, Jesse Silver and Roy Silver, Bloch Publishing Co., New York, N.Y., 1965.*

*The Jewish Baseball Hall of Fame, Erwin Lynn, Shapolsky Publishers, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1986.*

*The 1986 Jewish Directory & Almanac, Ivan L. Tillem, Pacific Press, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1985.*



# Kibbitzing—Community News



*Soviet Jewish families in Greensboro, N.C.*

## Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

The Russians have come to Winston-Salem!

Irina and Aleksandr Kapitanovski, their children, Denis and Karina, and Zhanna and Leonid Shtridelman with their son, Yuri, arrived on May 23 on a U.S. Air express plane from Charlotte. They had been traveling all day from Italy.

Many residents from the Jewish community greeted them with songs, flowers and words of welcome to the United States. A television crew from WXII, Channel 12, broadcast the 11 p.m. arrival live.

Within a few weeks prior to their coming, under the able leadership of Marcia Epstein and Bert Kalet, plans had been made and completed to ensure the well being of the new immigrants. Apartments accessible to the Temple, shopping and buses had been rented and furnished. Food supplies, appliances, phones and linens were brought in creating homes for the families. Volunteers from the Jewish community have become host families—arranging English language training, medical services, transportation, future employment, teaching the bus system and many American customs. The goal of the committees is for the Russian families to be independent as soon as possible.

The Kapitanovski and Shtridelman families were introduced to the Jewish community during Shabbat services at Temple Emanuel. The wives were presented with candlesticks by the Sisterhood. During the month of June, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz conducted a service to affix mezuzzahs to the doorposts of their homes.

During the congregational meeting on June 3, tribute was paid to Sue Clein for five consecutive years of exemplary leadership in Temple Emanuel, three as Sisterhood President and two as Temple President. During the same period of time, Sue became Director of Marketing/Public

## For My New Friends

by Judi Low

It was the fourteenth of March  
When my life was to change.  
All of my schedules  
I was to rearrange.

Our Soviet families were arriving  
It was hard to believe.  
Into their lives  
Our lives would now weave.

What would they be like?  
Would they like their new home?  
Would life for them now  
Be like a beautiful poem?

Would I be able to fulfill  
My host family job?  
With this varied and assorted  
But dedicated mob.

This experience has been  
The most meaningful by far.  
Of any in my life,  
It's like reaching for a star.

Though I've been very busy  
For the past several months—  
I've never regretted my commitment  
NOT EVEN ONCE!

Perhaps the most thrilling moment  
Happened just yesterday.  
With some phone calls from my new  
friends  
On the fifth of May.

They each called me up  
For they wanted to say,  
"We've called just to wish you  
A very Happy Birthday."

This was such a thrill  
Because when several first came.  
They knew not a word of English  
Except maybe a name.

And now they were able  
Because of all their hard studies.  
To call and speak their wishes  
To one of their new buddies!

The Poplavskys, Kilimniks,  
Kazakovs and Loshinskys,  
Will always to my heart  
Hold some very special keys.

Thank you for the chance  
For a difference to make.  
In a world where we often  
Make the mistake. . .

Of thinking only of ourselves  
And not seeing past. . .  
Our daily problems  
And how long they will last.

I wish for you all  
Only the best!  
And hope we remain friends  
Through this year and all of the rest!

*Judi Low is Host Family Coordinator for  
the six Soviet Jewish families who have  
resettled in Greensboro, N.C. spring 1990.*

Relations/Volunteer Services at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, a position she still holds.

Additional life cycle events for the summer: June 9—recovenanting wedding of Dot and Sol Pessin on their 50th wedding anniversary; June 16—wedding of Marilyn Monk and Greg Goldstein; August 3—B'nai Mitzvah service for Sam and Lauren Levine.

### **Hearn to Receive Tree of Life Award Winston-Salem, N.C.**

Dr. Thomas K. Hearn Jr., Wake Forest University president, will receive the Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award at a testimonial dinner Oct. 16.

The Tree of Life Award is a humanitarian award given in recognition of outstanding community involvement, dedication to the cause of American-Israeli friendship and devotion to peace and the security of human life.

In Hearn's honor, the Thomas K. Hearn Jr. Afforestation Project will be established in the American Independence Park in Israel.

Hearn has received international recognition as an academician, administrator and philosopher and received an honorary degree from Tokai University, Japan, last November. While president of Wake Forest, he has served as a cultural and civic leader. He was instrumental in establishing Leadership Winston-Salem and has been active in Triad economic development efforts. He has been campaign chairman for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County United Way and chairman of the March of Dimes Teamwalk Piedmont.

Co-chairs for the testimonial dinner include: Paul Beerman, J. Paul Breitbach, Abe Jenner, Herbert Brenner, Mrs. Morris Brenner, D. Wayne Calloway, Thomas Henry Davis, John W. Davis III, Stanley Frank, Murray C. Greason, Weston P. Hatfield, C. C. Hope Jr., Lawrence D. Hopkins M.D., Richard Janeway M.D., James W. Johnston, Petro Kulynych, Rabbi Thomas P. Liebschutz, James W. Mason, John F. McNair III, John G.

Medlin Jr., L. Glenn Orr Jr., Len B. Preslar Jr., Charles M. Shelton and Rev. Bob D. Shepherd.

### **Marvin S. Zerden of Hickory Receives Honorary Degree**

Marvin S. Zerden of Hickory has been awarded an honorary degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Zerden, president of Zerden's Inc. of Hickory, received an honorary doctor of laws degree during the school's recent 99th spring commencement exercises.

An alumnus of Lenoir-Rhyne, Zerden is a former president and has been a primary fundraiser for the Hickory Jewish Center/Temple Beth Shalom. Chairman of the Hickory United Jewish Appeal for more than 25 years, Zerden was a major figure in funding and erecting the new synagogue in Hickory, which was dedicated last year.

Zerden also is an active civic leader. He is a member of the Hickory Kiwanis Club, American Legion and Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a director of the Hickory Merchants Association.

The Zerden family established a Lenoir-Rhyne scholarship fund in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Zerden, and Marvin Zerden also helped establish several other scholarships at the college.

"Marvin Zerden is a man who has had a profound influence on those whose lives he has touched," said Dr. John E. Trainer Jr., president of Lenoir-Rhyne. "Not only has he been a spiritual leader in the Jewish community, he has been a leader to this entire region.

"[He has] been described by one friend in these words: 'He plants trees in Israel in honor of friends to shade the feverish, frightened refugees of today's oppression and those still scorched by the memory of the Holocaust. In a world where so many are violent toward others, and all kinds of people are hurting, he applies a healing balm. . . He is a quiet man of Shalom.' "



*Marvin S. Zerden*

"He was a guiding force in the revitalization of downtown Hickory, and for years has been a leader in many civic and charitable efforts. And, perhaps most importantly, he's been a friend to all of us, including Lenoir-Rhyne College. We are proud to award him this honorary degree. It, indeed, is well deserved."

### **Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Lisa Wohl**

Halailah was very excited about the arrival of the Soviet families. We helped set up their apartments and members of Halailah were there to greet them at the airport.

Halailah sponsored their first Shabbat dinner in America (maybe their first one ever). Twenty-five members cooked a dairy dinner for 70 people. The dinner was held at Temple Beth El V'Shalom where we lit the Shabbat candles, said Motzi and Kiddush, and ate. The evening ended with an upbeat prayer after the meal. Then the Soviets attended services. An interpreter was present so the rabbi could address and welcome them to the Temple. It was a wonderful evening.

We would like to thank all Halailah members for helping the Soviet families. If you would like to volunteer, call Jenny Synder at 845-1394.

Halailah also had a successful canned-food drive. Nonperishable items were collected for Jewish Family Services. Many thanks to Lari Massachi.

On June 24 we had a board retreat



and made plans for the upcoming year. Our first program will be August 24 when we have a Shabbat family picnic at Boyce Road Park at 6:30 p.m. Please call Marcia Stern at 366-0167 if you need further information. Marcia is our new program coordinator.

Another exciting program will be held on Feb. 5, 1991 when the topic "Jews for Jesus" will be featured and discussed.

A new project Halailah decided to take on is working with the literacy issue. We plan to help the children from low income day care centers learn to read. We will then assist in distributing books to their homes.

If you are interested in becoming part of this active organization, please come to a membership tea on August 1. Contact Jan Weiner at 847-3999 or Cheri Titlebaum at 541-9758 for more details.

## News from Gastonia, N.C.

Kimberly Dawn Brodsky of Gastonia, N.C. has been selected as a debutante by the Gastonia Debutante Club for the 1990 season. She will be presented on Dec. 29, 1990 at a Grand Ball at the Gaston Country Club.

Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brodsky. She will attend the University of Maryland this fall.



*Kimberly Dawn Brodsky*

## Stacey Gillis Marries Jeffrey A. Weber

Stacey Gillis and Jeffrey Andrew Weber were married June 30 at Temple Israel in Charlotte, N.C. Rabbi Richard K. Rocklin officiated. A reception followed at The Tower Club.

Alexandra Mahnken was the bride's maid of honor, and Daniel Joseph Weber was his brother's best man.

Mrs. Weber is the daughter of Anita Cohen Grey of Atlanta, Ga. and Robert Gillis of Lake Wylie, S.C. Her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frederick Weber of New York City.

The bride, a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, recently received her Masters of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. This fall she expects to become an Associate with Marakon Associates, a Greenwich-based management consulting firm.

The bride is the granddaughter of Gertrude Cohen, presently of Hallandale, Fla., and the late Harry S. Cohen of Charlotte, and the late Pearl and Maxwell Gillis of Charlotte.

The bridegroom graduated from the Rudolf Steiner School in New York City, cum laude from Williams College, and received his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. This fall he will join Chemical Venture Partners, the venture capital subsidiary of the Chemical Banking Corporation, as an Associate.



*Stacey Gillis Weber*

## Eli Evans Participates in a Memorial Ceremony in Memory of His Mother, Sara Nachamson Evans, at Hadassah Hospital

Jerusalem, June 9, 1990—Mr. Eli Evans, prominent author from Durham, N.C. and New York and son of the late Sara Nachamson Evans of Durham, recently participated in a memorial ceremony in memory of his mother at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center here in Jerusalem. The late Sara Evans was a prominent Hadassah pioneer in the American South for many years.

The ceremony was held in the gardens of the hospital beside a flower-

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Eli Evans

ing cherry tree planted in Mrs. Evans' memory in 1986 by Eli Evans.

Eli Evans is president of the Revson Foundation, a research institute in Israel whose policy is to carry out research studies on various aspects of society which involve decision-makers and scientists.

At the memorial ceremony, Mr. Evans said: "My mother loved Hadasah. It was her wellspring from which she drew inspiration. My father, who was Mayor of Durham for ten years, is a fervent Zionist. My latest book is dedicated to my father and the memory of my mother and there I describe them as Jews who walked in the footsteps of history."

Professor Alex Weingrad, of the Ben Gurion University in Beersheba, a Revson Fellow, delivered a scientific paper on his research on Arab-Jewish relations in a hospital situation, such as the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Dr. Weingrad said: "I found that the Hadassah Hospital was a zone of cooperation where conflicts were muted and both Arabs and Jews found mutual satisfaction. Unfortunately, the hospital is only a small island with little effect on the ongoing hostility surrounding it."

Professor Yael Ishai, another Revson Fellow, of the Haifa University, discussed the role of the Israel Medical Association in influencing medical policy in Israel.

Professor Samuel Penchas, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, welcomed the guest lecturers in the name of Hadassah.

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Jewish Singles 30+ enjoyed an unforgettable mountaintop experience which began Friday, May 11 and continued through breakfast Sunday, May 13, 1990. The Singles Symposium was held at Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, N.C. Wildacres is a conference center dedicated to the betterment of human relations.

The theme for the weekend was "BE COMFORTABLE BEING SINGLE." Our guest speaker was Phyllis Post, Ph.D., associate professor at UNCC Department of Human Services.

Rabbi Leo Hoffman and Cantor George Ackerman were our spiritual leaders and conducted Friday Shabbat services and a meaningful Havdalah service under the stars Saturday evening.

The morning discussions on self awareness gave us a chance to express our feelings openly and exchange views with other singles in similar situations. The sessions were so stimulating that all of them ran overtime.

Afternoons were free with tours to area art studios, hiking to Linville Caverns and a lot of *schmoozing* with newly met acquaintances.

Saturday evening under breezy and starry skies we *do-si-doed* to authentic mountain music and were entertained by a marvelous clogging exhibition. The group performed a traditional *hora* enthusiastically.

The three family-style meals served each day were sumptuous, and nobody counted calories.

The participants, split evenly between the sexes, came from as far as Birmingham, Ala., Wrightsville Beach, N.C., Columbia, S.C., Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and twenty-six from Charlotte.

An exchange of addresses and phone numbers began the process of planning for future symposiums at Wildacres, other events around the state and camaraderie.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" is exactly what took place and wonderful experiences were shared with a very warm and supportive group in attendance.

Our thanks to Fran Rosenberg of the Charlotte Jewish Community Center and others for their efforts in planning this memorable weekend with Fran and me.

## The Saga of Ira L. Rhode, Rabbi-Cantor

by Simon Meyer, Charleston, W.V.

There are events in the lives of people which are deserving of record. The story of Ira L. Rhode as it touched my life is one worthy of telling.

*Bereshit.* . . In 1985 I established a competition for student cantors, because I felt the cantorial tradition had been a major factor in the lives of our ancestors. I was also of the opinion that much of the color and charm of Jewry lay with cantors, and that the music and song that should permeate the lives of our children was in decline. I publicized the competition in several contiguous states. Five applications were received and an audition was held in New York. Awards were given to all.

However, one applicant did not show up. He seemed so reticent and unwilling that I offered to pay his fare. Nevertheless, he received an award. A gracious letter of thanks was received, printed on a sheet torn from a composition book. The style of address might have been in correspondence of 300 years ago.

I saw in this a modest youth, working as a lay cantor in a small Orthodox



*shul* in North Bergen, N.J. And I learned he had little money and was striving to work his way through Yeshivah Cantorial School.

My letters to him in later years were unanswered until now, when a letter printed on lined note paper arrived from New Jersey. Still reticent in style, it was signed "Rabbi" and "Cantor!" It told a modest tale of staying with his *shul*, making some progress, unmarried, nothing earth-shaking, just a plaint about the low earnings of Orthodox rabbis and cantors.

Now, at B'nai Jacob in Charleston we have needed a cantor for a decade. Methought this fellow might be just the one for us. But how would our rabbi get along with another rabbi-cantor? I planned to consult, and I had also to answer Ira's letter. As I reread it, I saw he had written on both sides of the paper (thrifty boy). He wrote, "But God has His mysterious ways. On June 1, I will be leaving to accept the post of Hazzan at Congregation Shearit Israel at 70th and Central Park West, New York City, the oldest functioning synagogue in the country."

And I was thinking of having Ira here in our small synagogue, when lo and behold, he becomes the Hazzan of Shearith Israel, no less? That was not all. Rabbi Urecki, reading the letter, exclaimed, "I know him!"

**Ed. Note:** Rabbi-Cantor Ira L. Rhode is the son of Pearl and Gerald Rhode of Charlotte.

## Congregation Ahavath Sholom Bluefield, W.V.

by Susan Sapinsley

On Shavuot, May 29, two Religious School students, Lewis Borrero and Mindy Jackson, were confirmed. Lewis is the son of Judy Laufer Borrero and grandson of Frances and Sam Laufer of Princeton. Mindy is the daughter of Deborah Jackson Goldstein and the late Robert R. Jackson and the granddaughter of Helen and Sidney Rosenthal. Both rising high school juniors, the students completed a two-year program of study with Rabbi E. L. Sapinsley and ancillary teachers.

Vickie Epstein was installed as Sisterhood president at the Sisterhood Sabbath on June 15. Also installed were: vice-president, Susan Sapinsley; secretary, Helen Rosenthal; and treasurer, Gertrude Houghton. Installing officer was Mrs. Sapinsley who is a board member of both District 8 National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) and National NFTS. During services, 1989-90 Religious School teachers, including all substi-

tutes, were recognized for their faithful work. Special thanks were given to Marc Baskind, Ahavath Sholom's "music man" since 1978 who, with his family, soon will move to Louisiana.

Reelected Congregation president for 1990-91 was Dr. Robert Miller who just completed a year's term. Other officers are: first vice-president, Stanley Nelson; second vice-president, Doris Sue Kantor; secretary, David M. Katz; treasurer, Harry Finkelmann. Additional board members are Vickie Epstein, Hiram Daitch, Dr. Steve Raskin, Dr. Joel Schor, Dr. Ted Werblin and Rabbi Sapinsley.

Sarah Raskin, daughter of Suki and Dr. Steve Raskin, recently was elected vice-president of the Southern Virginia Region of MAFTY, the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth. A rising junior at Bluefield High, Miss Raskin is Bluefield Temple Youth Group president. Other officers are: vice-president, Jennifer Fineberg; secretary, Emily Raskin; and treasurer, Lewis Borrero.

Deborah Rosenthal Jackson was united in marriage with Richard Marc Goldstein on Saturday night, June 2. Taking part in the ceremony per-

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formed by Rabbi Sapinsley in the sanctuary of Congregation Ahavath Sholom were Mindy, Adam and Rob Jackson. Mrs. Goldstein is a teacher; her husband is an attorney in Cape Girardeau, Missouri where the family moved in July. The bride's parents are Sidney and Helen Baum Rosenthal of Bluefield; the groom's parents are Evelyn and Irving Goldstein of Orlando, Florida.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom was founded in 1904 with the present synagogue building completed in 1947-48. This past November, the synagogue participated in Bluefield's Centennial parade with banners and participants representing Sisterhood, the Temple Youth Group, B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, as well as a mini-float—a Chanukah Menorah—designed by Susan Sapinsley and built by Morris Steiner. The 110-unit parade traveled three miles throughout the city of 16,000.

## **Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.**

**by Fran Hirschel**

As Temple Beth El V'Shalom is in its temporary quarters while our new building is being constructed, we look forward to new beginnings. It is also an appropriate time to focus on Cantor Morris Chotin, who has completed his first year as our cantor and our Religious School director.

Cantor Chotin came to our Temple from St. Louis, Missouri. His credentials include certification as a cantor by Hebrew Union College, and a Bachelor of Science in Hebrew education and sacred music from the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music in New York. Hebrew Union College is the oldest theological seminary in America that prepares cantors and rabbis. While a rabbi is ordained, a cantor is invested. This gives the cantor the legal right to officiate at weddings and other life cycle events. Cantor Chotin has been officiating at weddings and funerals in our community in the rabbi's absence.

In his earlier years, Cantor Chotin was encouraged by his mentor, Jan



*Cantor Morris Chotin*

Peerce, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera, to come to New York and study to become a cantor. He studied voice with Cantor Henry Rosenblatt, son of the famous Cantor Yoselle Rosenblatt. He also was coached by two international cantors, David Kushevitsky and Moshe Ganchoff.

We are indeed fortunate to have found someone as well qualified in both education and cantorial skills as Cantor Chotin. As Religious School director, he has inspired teachers and students with his enthusiasm. His high standards have required significant efforts on the part of his students. Cantor Chotin has introduced some innovative teaching techniques to the Religious School. At the close of the school year he was presented with a "Certificate of Honor for Outstanding Principal" by the students and faculty of Temple Beth El V'Shalom Religious School.

As cantor, he chants the old and familiar prayers beautifully. Being an educator affects his style as cantor, too, in that he delights in teaching the congregation unfamiliar songs as well as different melodies for the ones we already know.

On a Friday evening toward the end of May, Cantor Chotin presented a "sermon and song" program which traced the musical history of the Jews over two thousand years. He provided musical examples of Jewish modes and Israeli songs. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening.

Cantor Chotin has brought with him his wife Elayne, who is a registered nurse currently employed by Carolinas Medical Center. Their son, Lee, recently received a Bachelor of Science in communications at the University of Missouri, and their son, Randi, is attending college in St. Louis. We hope that the cantor and his wife are enjoying Charlotte and our Temple as much as we enjoy having them here.

Cantor Chotin has been involved in the training of all of our B'nai Mitzvah, and he joins the congregation in welcoming them as members of our Temple. We extend our congratulations to Richard Rubin, Lawrence Szabo, Ryan Stewart, Evan Kirsch, Shara Grifenhagen and Faye Goldstein on this important milestone.

Our Temple Bingo game will resume on August 2 on the second floor of the Amity Gardens Cafeteria on Independence Boulevard. Contact Arnie Kridel if you are interested in playing or helping.

This last item is about a former Religious School director of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, who has also attended Hebrew Union College. We are proud to announce that Lisa Vernon was ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College in May. Her brother, Rabbi Arthur Vernon, gave the benediction, and our Rabbi Robert A. Seigel went to New York to attend the ceremony. We wish her a Mazel Tov and all the best for the future.

## **Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.**

**by Marjorie Schachter**

### **Shabbat Friendship Circle**

Meeting on May 5, the group heard Shirley and Lorence Rapoport deliver the D'var Torah on "Achare-Kedoshim," Leviticus 16:1-20:27, the portion concerning the holiness code in human behavior. The Rapoports supplied the refreshments. This was the final session of the year. The group will meet again on the first Saturday in September to formulate on-going plans.



## **The Sisterhood**

Sisterhood Sabbath was held on May 11, when officers and board members participated in the service, and Rose Rose read a provocative paper on "The Changing Role of Women in Religion."

The general membership luncheon meeting and installation of officers was held on May 21. A presidium consisting of five vice-presidents was formed: V.P. Program—Ruth Weber, Liesel Sullivan; V.P. Membership—Judy Haller, Hilde Hoffman; V.P. Fund Raising—Lillian Beiber. Other officers are Corr. Sec.—Marjorie Schachter; Financial Sec.—Fran Aaron; Recording Sec.—Rose Rose; Treasurer—Ruth Chicurel.

Sisterhood invited the congregation to Bible and Breakfast on Shavuot, May 30. Rabbi Bluming presented "Insights to the Book of Ruth." The study hour was followed by Yizkor Memorial Prayers.

## **The Brotherhood**

The final brunch of the season was held on June 10 with the usual mouth-watering menu and a performance by popular demand of Braidstream, the unusual combination of flute, hammered dulcimer and guitar, playing classical, new age and popular music.

The monthly meeting was held on June 14.

A Brotherhood Sabbath was held on Friday, June 29. The service featured installation of Brotherhood officers for 1990-1991. Following the service, the new officers were honored by a special Oneg.

## **Adult Education**

The last two sessions of Rabbi Bluming's edifying 5-week series on "Reform Judaism Today" were held on May 18 and 22 in Unger Hall. The first session dealt with Reform Judaism and Israel, and the last, the direction Reform Judaism can and might take in the future.

## **Follow-up: Clergy Institute**

In addition to the guest lecture delivered on May 15 by Rabbi Marc Wilson of Temple Israel, Charlotte, as reported in June, part of the Twenty First Annual Christian Clergy Institute was Rabbi Wilson's address on

May 14. 30 Temple members and guests heard him speak on the subject of "Seven Modest Proposals for Jewish Unity." The Institute is sponsored by the Temple, the Temple Brotherhood and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

## **The Religious School**

A closing assembly and family picnic was held on May 20, attended by students, faculty and parents, all of whom had a fine time in spite of the picnic's rainy beginning. Thanks went to Mrs. Susan Linn who stepped in as coordinator of the picnic, to all the substitutes and guest-teachers, to all the supportive parents and to the current year's faculty: Mrs. Linda Safferstone, Mrs. Susan Linn, Dr. Max Schreiber, Dr. Stan Marks and Rabbi Ronald Bluming.

## **Many Mazel Tavs**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lichtenfels on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Ellie Leonard; to Jamie Dawn Thomas, daughter of Angel and Dean Worley and granddaughter of Dr. Stan and Muriel Marks, on her grading in the top four percentiles nationally on her CAT exam; to Jeffrey Aaron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aaron on his graduation from the University of Iowa where he received his Ph.D. in Music Education; to Robert and Hilda Pozner on the birth on May 3 of Jonathan Samuel, and to the proud grandmother, Helen Pozner.

Mazel Tov to Mark Sgan who graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill and who will attend the U. of Georgia School of Management this fall; to Becky Greene, daughter of Leonard and Helaine Greene, for winning first

place in the North Carolina History Day Competition Individual Performance; to Barbara and Walter Jarmel on the birth of a grandson, Dean Aaron; and to Steve Chicurel, who earned his Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Kentucky.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.**

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The May calendar began and ended with celebrations, Simchas and holidays. On May 8, the Rabbi's Study Group met and discussed the subject of "Women and Jewish Law." The final study group met on May 22 for a wrap up with an ice cream and yogurt party afterwards. On May 18, the Rabbi's sermon topic was on "A.I.D.S." On May 27, the congregation joined the Sunday School for their closing picnic and graduation ceremonies at Lake Julian. The Rabbi's Siddur Hebrew classes met five Wednesdays and Sundays in May and June.

Helen Benninga presented Nettie Slosman with the "Light of Torah" Award on May 25 and an Oneg sponsored by her children and grandchildren followed the services.

The Rabbi led a traditional All-Night Shavuot Study Session (Leyl Tikkun). The whole community was invited.

On May 4 and 5, congregants worshipped with Bob and Carol Deutsch and their family on the occasion of their daughter, Robin Ann Deutsch's Bat Mitzvah. Many relatives and friends came from far and wide to join them in celebrating this Simcha.

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Robin led the Friday night service, followed by an Oneg after the services. Saturday morning, Robin led the Musaf service and read from the Torah, while Bob Deutsch also participated in the Torah reading and made it a real family affair, after which Robin then read her Haftorah portion. Following this, her remarks were centered on the fact that she was sharing her Bat Mitzvah in all of its facets with her Ethiopian "sister," Zawal T. Robin's expertise shone through the entire Simcha. A Kiddush luncheon followed the services. The family continued their celebration into the weekend.

On May 11 and 12, another student, Dana Friedman, became a Bat Mitzvah in yet another excellent fashion. Relatives and friends poured in from various parts of the country for the occasion. Dana participated with the Rabbi in leading the Friday night service. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Weiss (parents of her mother, Ms. Deborah Weiss), sponsored the Oneg Friday night and the Kiddush luncheon on Saturday. On Saturday morning, Dana led the Musaf service and read her Haftorah portion. She connected this portion with a talk on her responsibility to Judaism. Again the congregation was enthralled by another Bat Mitzvah young lady. We were indeed fortunate to hear Dana so in command and poised in her participation in the Shabbat services.

Congratulations to Robin and Dana and their respective families on inspiring us all with their spiritual involvement.

Sisterhood welcomed the approach of summer with a final wine and cheese/mini-theatrical presentation, featuring Barbara Laibson and her daughter, Erika. Following the program, William Lewin, president of Beth Israel, led a brainstorming session, "The Changing Role of the Beth Israel Woman from the Past to the Present into the Future."

#### **Religious School News**

On June 8, Rabbi Birnham declared a Teacher Appreciation Shabbat with the following words: "To Our Teachers of Torah: we will publicly thank them then for their help in the year 5750 (1989-90). Here are their

names: principal, Ruth Gaynes; assistant principal, Janet Freedman; music teachers, Bob Deutsch and David Gaynes; beginner Hebrew teacher, Morris Tenenbaum; and teachers, Robert Feirstein, Michael Garner, Richard Harrison, Sue Karpen, Caren Kessler, Beth Reiser, Barbara Ribner, Bruce Ribner, Sharon Schaaf, Rick Slosman and Sandi Winston. We also had visiting scholars: Sara Birnham, Bob Deutsch, Joe Gullotta, Ileana Grams, Rob Levin, Steve Miller, Liz Nigrosh and Marc Rudow. I have great respect and deep gratitude for the individuals who gave their time, efforts and talents to help our congregation's children grow Jewishly. Along with the parents who teach their children, the above named are ensuring our people's future. And, of course, a great thanks to all those who helped make the Special Activity days so successful."

Rabbi Birnham wishes to give a very special tribute to Ruth Gaynes, principal of the Sunday School, for demonstrating such "great care for our children's religious growth."

We are announcing that our youth advisors, Ken Schapira, 1984-90, and Steven Heller, 1988-90, who have done a commendable job with our youth, will not be reassuming their posts this year. However, they would like to report that they are pleased with the progress of the youth group and are looking forward to its maintaining the same excellence with new advisors at the helm.

The "Rabbi's Study Group" ended June 10 at the Rabbi's and Sara's new home. An ice cream and yogurt party followed. The Rabbi felt that the group participated in a situation which proved to be an exciting experiment studying, learning and discussing many complex ideas. The same adults from October through June were in the class. They grew in their understanding of Judaism as well as in their understanding of each other!

On June 15, Rabbi's sermon topic was: Vacation Theology 101.

#### **Annual Congregation Meeting**

Beth Israel had its annual congregation meeting, preceded by a cocktail party on June 24. Following the

social hour, William Lewin, retiring president, gave the President's State of the Congregation message. All committees gave their reports. An election and installation of officers followed. New officers for the next two years are: president, Robert Deutsch; first vice president, Dr. Cliff Feingold; second vice president, Dr. Steve Miller; third vice president, Dr. Bruce Ribner; secretary, Dr. Ron Neimkin; and treasurer, Lynne Gabai.

A final order of business, which is always a rewarding presentation, was the "Man of the Year Award." This year, Beth Israel is proud to announce this special award went to Morris Tenenbaum.

An update on the resettlement of the Soviet Jewish Refugees in Asheville: Rabbi and Sara, together with Jules and Phyllis Blum, have joined with Fred and Hilde Hoffman and Victor Finegold in being "Host Families" for the new people. That is to say, they will be the contact people for them. Ellen Schoenberg will be the Shabbat dinner coordinator when the families choose to come to Beth Israel services.

For daily transportation needs, thus far, the following Beth Israel congregants have volunteered: Helen Benninga, Lyn Dunn, Dr. Eliot and Sally Katz, Mary Tabashneck, Laurie Teich and Sandy Winston. Caren Kessler, one of our Sunday School mothers, will also be on hand to help out.

#### **Synagogue Happy News**

Linda Newman's eldest son, Jeffrey, has received a four-year full scholarship to the University of Maryland, the National Merit Scholarship, plus the Citizens' Quiz Scholarship, and is one of the finalists of the Physics Olympiad, which will ultimately determine who the representatives of our country are to the International Physics Olympiad to be held in Europe. Joel Grossman graduates from Duke this year and will be headed for Medical School. These young people are grandchildren of Mrs. Lee Schandler. Mazel Tov and Congratulations to all the family.

Congratulations to David Freedman, son of Abe and Roz Freedman, who was recently elected president of



the Forsythe County Defense Attorney Council (seventy members).

Mazel Tov to Stephen and Aimee Lurey on the birth of a baby girl, Ellyn, April 27. Mazel Tov to the proud grandparents, Milton and Mildred Lurey.

We offer Mazel Tov to Larry and Jane Burrows on the birth of a son, Levi Jacob, on May 14.

In Community News, a Mazel Tov to Dr. Robert and Hilda Pozner on the birth of a son, Jonathan Samuel, on May 3.

## **Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT Charlotte, N.C.**

by Honey Kridel

The Crown City Chapter-at-Large, Women's American ORT, had its Charter signing and installation of officers in Charlotte on May 23.

The Chapter will hold four day meetings and two night meetings during 1990-91. The first meeting will be a Mother/Child gathering on August 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the home of Lorrie Klemons. There will be pony rides and an ice cream party for the children.

On August 25 at 7 p.m., there will be a member bring a non-member dinner at the home of Lynda White.

Please call Peggie Rovman, president, at 552-2010 if you are interested joining ORT.

## **ORT, Computer-Based Learning Comes to Atlanta**

ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, has agreed to establish a computer center in three Atlanta Jewish day schools, a step expected to enhance their educational and administrative operations. The program, to begin September 1990, was announced by Ruth Eisenberg, chairman of U.S. Operations for Women's American ORT. The Atlanta program is patterned after a similar, highly-successful venture in the South Florida Hillel Community Day School and is being extended to Atlanta's Hebrew Academy, The Epstein Day School and Yeshiva High School.



*Newly installed officers of Crown City Chapter of ORT are: (L. to R.) Ana Resnik, vice president; Shirley Kaplan, treasurer; Florence Sperling, financial secretary; Peggy Rovman, president; Delcy Harbor, vice president Southeast District, installing officer; Lorrie Klemons, vice president; Sally Schrader, vice president; not pictured, Paula Gentile, secretary.*

An ORT technical director will service all three schools and advise them on how to put computer technology to optimal use in an educational environment. Computers will be applied to course instruction, curriculum development, teaching training, scheduling of classes, as well as financial and administrative operations of the day schools. Particular attention will be focused on Jewish education and Hebrew language wherein the latest software will be utilized to facilitate course instruction.

Over the past decade, a growing number of Jewish day schools in Europe and South America have drawn on ORT's expertise in computer-based learning, using ORT labs, resource centers, mobile technology training units, and teaching-training workshops. The Atlanta program becomes the fifth ORT U.S. operation joining existing programs in Los Angeles, New York, Florida and Chicago.

ORT, the largest nongovernmental technical education program in the world, has become a role model for technology training in many countries. ORT currently serves as curriculum consultant for the 20 city technical colleges being established throughout the United Kingdom. Extensive ORT education programs are maintained in Africa, South America and Western Europe. Recently, overtures for ORT technical education assistance have also been received from Eastern Europe.

Women's American ORT, an organization of 145,000 members throughout the United States, has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for over 60 years, building schools and training students in Jewish communities around the world.



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## Kinston, N.C. News

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

The Kinston-Greenville Chapter of Hadassah held its final meeting of the year at the Kinston Country Club. Ruth Leder, area vice president, installed the following officers: president, Elaine Gross; vice president, Eileen Braunstein; treasurer, Nan Page; secretary, Ethel Ertis.

We all enjoyed a delicious dinner and presented a gift to Barbara Zicherman, out-going president.

Lots of good news! Ellen Crane, daughter of Gerald and Joan Crane, and Paul Kipnis were married in Portland, Or. on May 20.

Aubrey and Suretta Bronstein became grandparents for the third time with the birth on April 13 of Caroline Leigh to their daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Steven Smiley, in Spartanburg, S.C.

Jimmy and Sheri Krell were blessed with a son, Asher Max, on May 30 in Boston, Mass. Howard and Suzanne Bearman, grandparents for the first time, Harriet Chused, great grandmother for the first time, and great great aunt, Pearl Schechter, attended the Bris.

Bertram and Gloria Pearson had a beautiful naming ceremony for their second grandchild, Laura Ann, born Feb. 2 to Curtis and Betty Pearson.

Emma Kass is thrilled with her first grandchild, Alexander Martin, born Feb. 10 to Barry and Lisa Kass.

Mazel Tov to Ethel Ertis. Her son, Michael, is engaged to Randi Knofsky. A summer wedding is planned.

Our heartiest congratulations to all.

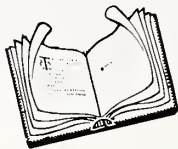
Ann Bernstein who, with her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Irving Gross, returned to live in Kinston after 40 years, is now visiting her grandson, Jeff Gross, and his family in Rhode Island.

Morris and Ida Heilig are also visiting their children in Miami Beach where they will join in celebrating their daughter and son-in-law's 29th wedding anniversary. Best of luck to Gerald and Debby Schwartz.

Rabbi David and Vivian Rose had a wonderful time when their daughter,

Debby, and granddaughter, Jessica, visited them for a week.

Joe and Esther Goldwasser are having a ball with their children who came from Champaign, Ill. and Greensboro to help celebrate the Goldwasser's 45th wedding anniversary. We are all looking forward to the 50th in good health.



## Book Reviews

### What Happens after I Die? Jewish Views of Life after Death

by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel Syme  
UAHC Press 147 pp. \$8.95  
paperback

Reviewed by Rabbi Leo L. Hoffman

"What happens after I die?" is an unusual but common question often asked. This book, written in a popular, engaging style, addresses a spectrum of Jewish responses to this question of life after death. It offers a wide variety of philosophies on the subject from biblical rabbinic commentators to contemporary thinkers in a manner accessible to the average reader.

The book is divided into two parts. Part I presents six classical Jewish answers drawn from the Tanach, medieval thinkers, mystical literature and writers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The answers include: After death, perhaps nothing; Down to Sheol; Resurrection; Immortality; Reincarnation; and Living on through deeds.

Part II contains the deeply held personal views of prominent Jewish thinkers like Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Blu Greenberg, Rabbi Harold Schulweis, Dr. Eugene Borowitz, Arlene Agus and Dr. Alvin Reines. Finally, there are the personal statements of the authors.

The book is very interesting. I was especially intrigued by the candor and seriousness with which Jewish thinkers have given their personal views.

The section on *Living on through Deeds* is something to which most people could relate.

*Excerpts:* Our work can outlast our lives. Mozart died long ago, but his music is still with us.

Rabbis of old taught: "When a person dies, neither silver, nor gold, nor gems, nor pearls accompany him, but only (knowledge) of Torah and good deeds." (*Avot* 6:9)

Not everyone, however, has a creative mind or talented hand to leave behind a valuable piece of art. They, too, will live on through the goodness they instilled in the hearts of others.

Rabbi Sonsino is spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalomi in Needham, Mass. Rabbi Syme is vice president of the UAHC.

### One, By One, By One: Facing the Holocaust

by Judith Miller  
Simon and Schuster 319 pp. \$22.95

In a first-class piece of investigative reporting, Miller, a *New York Times* editor, explores how people in six countries preserve or distort memories of the Holocaust.

In Germany, she found a young generation undertaking a shamed, angry reckoning with the Nazi past. Austrians, who were Hitler's first enthusiastic allies, now paint themselves as his first victims.

The Netherlands' wartime record with respect to Jews is "in many respects appalling," Miller observes in a chapter on that country (whose "unofficial patron saint" is Anne Frank) that will stun readers. In France Miller attended the trial of Nazi Klaus Barbie, a drama that generated slight interest among the French, who prefer to keep alive the myth of a glorious Resistance.

In the Soviet Union, she discovered that the Holocaust is not officially recognized, even though invading Germans exterminated some 700,000 Soviet Jews. This shocking survey is itself an act of remembrance.

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# News of Israel

## Aid to Israel: An Investment in Democracy

by Richard Klein of Clemson, S.C.

Recent events have focused discussion on the \$3 billion in aid that the United States has provided Israel. It is my contention that this aid is an investment in democracy and pays huge dividends for the United States.

First, Israel is the *only* democracy in the Middle East. The rest of the nations in the area are ruled by military dictators, kings and one-party systems. Admittedly, one can become exasperated by Israel's parliamentary democracy, but Israel is still the *only* nation in that area of the world ruled by law.

Second, the United States has gained a great deal through its relationships with Israel. According to Gen. George J. Keegan, Jr., former chief of U.S. Air Force intelligence, Israel saved the United States \$40 billion from 1967 to 1980 alone. Of the \$3 billion in current aid, \$1.8 billion is in military aid and \$1.2 billion is in economic assistance. The military aid is mainly spent in the United States with more than 80 percent of it providing Americans with jobs in such corporations as Boeing, McDonnell-Douglas and General Dynamics. Israel never sees the vast majority of the economic aid, which is used primarily for debt repayment and remains in the United States. Israel receives approximately \$400 million, about 30 percent of the total.

Third, Israel is a valuable and reliable ally of the United States. The port of Haifa serves as a port of call for the U.S. fleet. American training and weapons testing in Israel permits the United States to prepare better for actions in conflicts outside Europe. Pre-positioning of U.S. material in Israel provides the U.S. flexibility in future planning for possible deployment of forces. Yet, no American servicemen are permanently stationed in Israel, a situation far different and far less expensive as compared to Europe and the Far East. The cost of main-

taining bases in the Philippines alone is staggering.

Fourth, the Israelis are sacrificing substantially in order to maintain their democracy. Faced by overwhelming military forces of nations dedicated to "throwing Israel into the sea," every male in Israel up to the age of 54 must serve on reserve duty for up to 60 days a year. Over twenty five percent of Israel's Gross National Product is spent on national security. Our NATO allies spend less than six percent on their defense. If Israel could fund its defenses at that level, there would be *no* need for U.S. aid. If you add the populations of the nations of Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Libya alone, they would add up to over 50.5 million as compared to Israel's 4.5 million (a ratio of 11.1:1). The active armed forces of those nations number 1,639,950 as compared to 141,000 for Israel, a ratio of 11.6:1. These nations have a combined total of 13,360 tanks as compared to Israel's 3,794, a ratio of 3.5:1. These nations do not practice human rights! Witness the city of Hama where Syria dealt with an Islamic uprising by killing 20,000 people in two weeks and then paving the dead over. Iraq has used poison gas on its own citizens, killing over 5,000 Kurds. (The U.S. has recently provided \$3.5 billion in food export loan guarantees to Iraq.) Jordan killed at least 2,500 Palestinians in September 1970. Over 80 percent of Jordan's population is Palestinian.

Finally, Israel serves as a home for a people who have been discriminated against and oppressed for two millennia. Hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews have applied to emigrate to Israel. *Newsweek* (May 7, 1990, pages 34-44) reported rampant anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union as well as Eastern Europe. War and famine has dramatically affected the remnants of Ethiopian Jewry. Clearly, the United States as well as other democracies *cannot* turn its back on Jews as it did on the six million plus Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust. These new emigrants will provide Israel with a new vitality and renewed rationale for existence. Providing a haven for Jewish refugees is what Israel was

created to do.

Clearly, aid to Israel, both economic and military, reaps enormous benefits for democracy and for all Americans.

## Rabin Speaks to ADL

Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel, said that the cooperation of Israel, the United States and Egypt in building on the accords developed at Camp David is the key to peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Rabin, who has also served as Defense Minister and chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces, told the Anti-Defamation League that the peace process also depends upon "sector by sector advances" and the support of world Jewry.

Addressing ADL's National Commission meeting (June 13-16) in New York, Mr. Rabin said that peace can be achieved without PLO participation by working with Palestinians from the occupied territories.

"It is essential," he went on to say, "to follow up on the proposal by U.S. Secretary of State Baker to negotiate directly with representatives of the 1,600,000 West Bank Palestinians to bring about a dialogue that will lead to Palestinian elections.

"We are prepared," he declared, "to allow the Palestinians everything but their own military defense during an interim period when their intentions can be tested in order to protect Israel's security."

Emphasizing his belief that this process holds the only prospect for a successful solution, he warned that its failure "may expose Israel to even greater danger now that Iraq's war with Iran is over and Iraq is turning its attention westward."

In addition, he pointed out that Arab countries have found "a new cement" to bind them in their perceived threat of the *aliyah* from the Soviet Union.

Mr. Rabin observed that the mass immigration of Soviet Jewry is an important "quantitative and qualitative" addition to the Jewish state which should prove of enormous benefit economically, politically and

security-wise.

"A population of 7,000,000 Jews in Israel would make the entire situation look different," he said.

He stressed that absorption of such a mass immigration "calls for a tremendous effort" not only on the part of the Israelis but of the world Jewish community as well as the aid of friendly countries such as the United States.

Mr. Rabin expressed optimism that Israel can attain a greater population. "The number of people," he emphasized, "is more important than a few kilometers of border in attaining peace."

The former prime minister also pointed to the positive side of the internal political problems which made it difficult to form a government. "The collapse of the system," he predicted, "will bring about democratic reforms so that we can elect a government that can make decisions."

"Unless wisdom prevails in Israel," he warned, a stalemate will increase tensions, lead to greater terror and encourage Iran, Syria and the PLO to create first a military front and then—in about five years—a military alliance that would lead to confrontation.

Nevertheless, he declared that the Arab "military threat" is minor because of the strength and capability of Israel's armed forces. "The greater danger comes from internal divisions," he said.

In conclusion, Mr. Rabin expressed confidence, noting that this is the only generation of Jews in 2,000 years "to say proudly that the future of the Jewish people is in our hands."

## JNF Establishes Project for Gail Rubin at Hula Reserve

The Jewish National Fund has established the Gail Rubin Observation Tower, Platform and Nature Trail at the Hula Nature Reserve, located in the Galilee region of Israel.

The project is a tribute to the late Gail Rubin, a photographer who captured the beauty of Israel's wildlife and natural landscapes in her photographs. She was murdered by PLO



*Late photographer Gail Rubin, who captured the beauty of Israel's wildlife and natural landscapes in her photographs.*

terrorists, who shot her in a bird sanctuary in Ma'agan Michael, Israel, in March 1978.

The tower, platform and trail, which all feature permanent markers with Gail Rubin's name, enable nature enthusiasts to enjoy the wonders of the Hula Nature Reserve. The tower offers a 360-degree view of the reserve and features an eight-sided enclosed deck twenty-five feet above the base. The observation platform is an enclosed causeway over the border of the lake where visitors can study the many species of birds and enjoy the beauty of the area. Benches line the platform, along with photographs and descriptions of the bird species. The nature trail is a raised wooden pathway that travels through the reserve and enables visitors to view the flora and fauna of the region.

The Hula Nature Reserve is located in an area that was part of the original swamplands around Lake Hula. In 1951, the Jewish National Fund started to drain the swamplands to allow increased settlement. A tract of land was left in its natural state and, in 1956, was officially proclaimed as the first nature reserve in Israel. With additional development, the reserve has become a faithful miniature of the

former swamplands, visited by thousands of nature lovers each year.

## Beth Hatefutsoth 4th Worldwide Photo and Video Contest

The Association of Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, in Israel, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Post, is organizing the 4th Worldwide Photo and Video Contest. The theme of the present contest is the Jewish Community towards the year 2000.

The aim of the contest is to enrich the photo and video archives at Beth Hatefutsoth with material which portrays Jewish life in the Diaspora for the future generations.

The contestants are required to submit works documenting elements of contemporary Jewish life, meaning the latter half of the 20th century. The participants should send photographs or videos which follow a specific sequence covering a subject of Jewish interest: the Jewish life cycle; communal and cultural life; personal and neighborhood portraits; religious life and other suitable subjects.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. The latest date for receiving entries in Israel is April 30, 1991. A panel of judges which include professional and public figures, among them Mr. Cornell Capa, director of the International Center of Photography, will choose the best photographs and videos to be displayed in a special exhibition. The opening of the exhibition together with the prize giving ceremony will take place at Beth Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv in January 1992.

The first prize in both categories is a return flight to Israel (courtesy of El Al Israel Airlines and TWA), one week's stay at a deluxe hotel (courtesy of Tel Aviv Hilton) and \$2000. The second prize is \$750 and one week stay in Israel. Third prize is \$500.

Further information can be obtained at Beth Hatefutsoth, Photo and Video Contest, P.O.B. 39359, Tel Aviv 61392, Israel.



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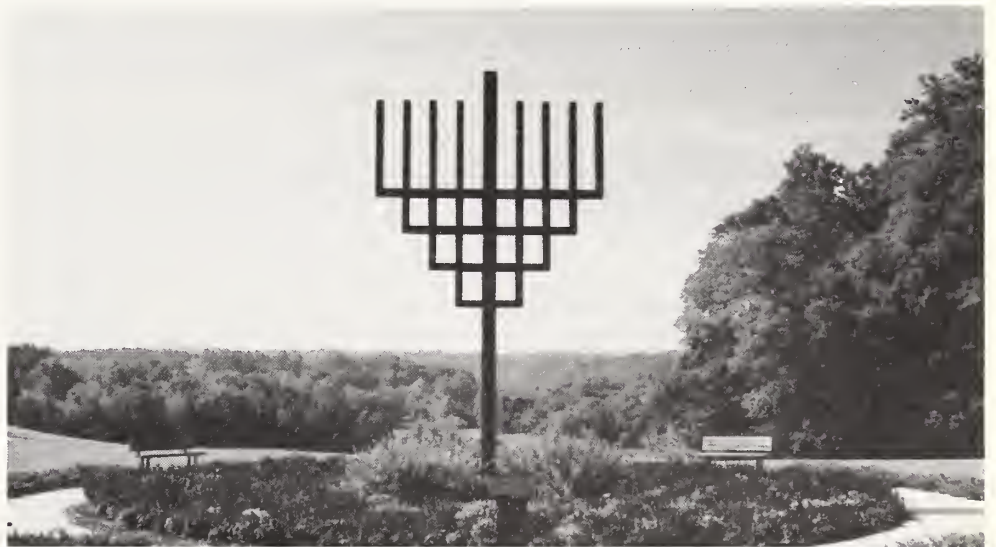


## JULY/AUGUST 1990

### CELEBRATING THE 25th YEAR – A “New” Old Tradition

On Wednesday, November 30, 1983, the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home would look out their windows at dusk and see a “new” old tradition. A 20-foot-high menorah was installed in the center courtyard to be lit for the holiday of Chanukah which was beginning that evening. The flames from the sculpture by Yasha Green could be seen clearly from Interstate 40 west of Clemmons. This symbol of freedom and of miracles continues to give a sense of pride to all who see its glowing flames each year during Chanukah.

Today, almost seven years later, the glow of a different menorah reminds residents, visitors and staff of another miracle taking place. This second menorah greets you as you enter the newest BJH addition, the Fair Oaks Commons. It is an 8 x 14 ft. ceramic relief with seven glowing candles made from a ton of clay. It is a symbol which has expressed hope and freedom for centuries. Ceramic artist



*This striking menorah, given by Abe and Herb Brenner in memory of their brother, Morris, stands as a focal point in the BJH landscape.*

Norman Schulman, creator of the Wall of Honor, chose the menorah as a fitting symbol for the miracle within, another “new” old tradition.

In the annual report of the 17th annual meeting on November 13, 1983, Al Mendlovitz, Executive Director, stated the commitment of the Board saying, “We defined our mission for the next two decades as the continuous expansion of our

services to include a broader spectrum of the population over 65.” In the next year, at a Board retreat in May, 1984, the Board moved from “thinking” about expansion to “planning” for the possibility as a reality. Groundwork was laid to secure architectural, financial and marketing consultants to explore the feasibility of improving the

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*A "New" Old Tradition continued*

existing facility and serving more physically independent residents.

Just 18 months later at the annual meeting on October 13, 1985, President Norman Pliner announced the plans to construct a new 40-bed personal care unit with groundbreaking expected for the spring of '86. It was the weekend of the 20th anniversary celebration, a gala event which included Shabbat services at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, Saturday afternoon tours, Saturday night dinner and dance at Bermuda Run Country Club and the annual blintz brunch Sunday. In President Pliner's message for the day, he stated, "The 20th anniversary of the founding of our home is a good time to think about what we are and how it was accomplished, but it is a better time to ask what we may become . . . remembering always that our primary mission is to provide a place for the elderly to 'come to live in dignity.'"

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Harvey Restel  
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Lillian Snead  
*Winston-Salem, NC*

# LYNDA EDMONDSON JOINS BJH AS ADMINISTRATOR



*Lynda Edmondson (left) and Audrey Maddans, a member of the Board of Directors, share a light moment at the volunteer appreciation brunch.*

Don Morris, Executive Vice President, is pleased to announce the appointment of Lynda Edmondson to the position of Administrator of the Home. Lynda comes to the Home with extensive administrative experience in long-term health care. She was with the Dallas Home for the Jewish Aged for over seven years and served as Associate Administrator from 1981-87. Most recently, she was associated with long-term care facilities in Lincolnton and Charlotte, N.C.

A licensed nursing home administrator, Lynda received an M.A. in Long-Term Care from the Univer-

sity of North Texas, an M.A. in English from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a B.A. in English from Mississippi College. She brings a well-rounded professional background to the Home, a concerned, caring and efficient management approach, and an open and warm personality.

Lynda and her husband, Earl, a professor at Davidson College, have three children. They are now enjoying a busy lifestyle which includes addresses in both Clemmons and Davidson, N.C.

BJH welcomes Lynda to this new position and to our community.

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## THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

Let's count the ways to make mealtime a special time, and Fair Oaks has done it.

In May, the residents enjoyed a cookout at the home of volunteer chef, Darrel Mandelstamm, where Darrel not only served up the hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill but added some homestyle touches from the kitchen of Patti Mandelstamm. Out to lunch on May 6 took the residents to Red Lobster where they surprised Lynn Wahoski, Director of Resident Activities, with a birthday cake in honor of her special day. Lunch out with volunteers included a trip to Twin City Diner in Winston-Salem with Betty Roth, to Hanes Mall for shopping trips in May and June, to Starmount Country Club for lunch with Greensboro volunteers on May 30, and it was out to dinner with Harriet Wallach on June 19 to Kyoto's Japanese Steak House in Winston-Salem. Close to home were cookouts on the terrace of Fair Oaks while those willing to travel far for their food went as far as Shatley Springs near West Jefferson for lunch on June 8. Reviews say the family-style meal was worth the all-day trip as was the beautiful mountain scenery which came along at no extra cost.

At no extra cost is the pleasure of mealtime with friends, an everyday occurrence at Fair Oaks, where the pleasure of one's company always makes dining a treat.



*Residents and volunteers gather outside Starmount Clubhouse in Greensboro after enjoying each others' company and a delicious lunch. Sylvia Polner, Greensboro volunteer, clowns for the camera.*



*A cookout at the home of volunteer Darrel Mandelstamm was a real treat. Standing are Lynn Wahoski, Director of Resident Activities, Darrel, and Gail Ruthfield, social worker. Seen seated from center (clockwise) are Abe Schwartz, Ida Feinberg, Hannah Ackerman, Sigmund Meyer, Bernice Goldfinger, George Lewin, Nelly Schwarz, and Syd Kastel.*

### BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein



# SUE's NEWS

## A Salute To Our Wonderful Volunteers



*Polly Strasser, Greensboro volunteer, received the Volunteer of the Year Award.*

Blintzes, bagels, balloons, buttons and BJH have more in common than just their first letter when they are joined together to make a party. A party is what took place on Tuesday, June 5th, when BJH hosted the annual volunteer appreciation event, a yearly thank you to the volunteers who, through their gift of time, spread joy throughout our Home. Over 50 volunteers — men, women, children and teenagers — enjoyed the delicious brunch, festive atmosphere and the opportunity to meet and discover what's happening in the volunteer program.

Polly Strasser of Greensboro was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of the enthusiasm, caring and dedication through which she has developed a Greensboro volunteer program for the Home. Within 18 months,

Polly has inspired and encouraged over 45 men, women and children from Greensboro to become involved in volunteering and making a difference in the lives of our residents. Mazel tov to Polly, a worthy recipient of this award.

Outstanding volunteer service awards were presented to Millie Slatkoff, Edna Temples and Arlene van de Rijn for giving over 100 hours of service in 1989-90. Janie Douthit, Darrel Mandelstamm and Tony Schwertfeger received awards for giving over 200 hours of service this year.

Volunteers joining our 100-hour club and receiving BJH badges were Grace Allred, Janie Douthit, Howard Friedensen and Mary Siceloff. Young volunteer awards went to Allen (10 months) and Audrey (3 years) who, with their mother, Wendy Owens, participate

in the roll & stroll program and to Whitney Powell who visits weekly with her mother, Linda, and their pets as part of the critter cuddlers program.

Representatives of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club and the Clemmons Kiwanis Club accepted recognition for the monthly volunteer programs their organizations sponsored throughout the year.

All volunteers were thanked for their unique contributions of time and energy. Whether weekly, monthly or yearly, each volunteer gives a gift of himself to our residents. We are blessed with an active, growing volunteer program. In 1989-90, over 100 volunteers gave more than 3,000 hours of time to the Home. If you would like to give it a try, call Sue Clein at 766-6401.



*Volunteers Tony Schwertfeger and Millie Slatkoff meet at the volunteer brunch.*





*We celebrate our volunteers. Seen celebrating with us are, from above (clockwise): Grace Allred at the volunteer brunch; Hilary Glazman, young Greensboro volunteer, at the June birthday party; Harriet Wallach, Winston-Salem volunteer, with Rae Glickman, Fair Oaks resident; and young volunteers, Allen and Audrey Owens, enjoying a visit with residents Claire Bernstein and Charles Rosenfeld.*



### **IN MEMORY**

We mourn the loss of:

Gladys Blair

Nettye Bruck

Etta Dean

Charles Martin

Margaret Morton

Marguerite Newberry

May their cherished  
memories bring comfort  
to their loved ones.



# BJH NEWS BRIEFS — THE STARS CAME OUT IN MAY AND JUNE



*Left, the children from Clemmons Moravian Pre-School were the real stars when they sang songs while visiting the dining rooms of each wing of the Home.*

*Below, Temple Emanuel Pre-School class, Winston-Salem, had a good time when they visited on Rock 'n Roll Jamboree Day. They enjoyed popcorn, lemonade and games, and we enjoyed their joyful spirit.*

- **“YOUNG STARS”** brought their own sunshine to the Home as children from nearby schools filled the halls during May. Entertaining with songs and youthful spirit were children from Clemmons Moravian Pre-School on May 8, Forsyth Country Day School kindergarten on May 16, and Temple Emanuel Pre-School, Winston-Salem, on May 23. School's out now and time for summer fun — and a return to fall before our “young stars” come out again.
- **A STAR-STUDDERED REVUE** was the hit of the day when the Brenner Concert Series featured Razz-Ma-Tazz Musical Revue on Sunday, May 13. Always a favorite, these delightful entertainers filled the Commons with song and dance. They were a shining star in everyone's day.
- **A TRAVELING STAR** appeared on Sunday, June 10, when Alan Kaufman, pianist and composer with the Charlotte Symphony presented a concert of classical music. The Commons sparkled with the music of this talented performer for the enjoyment of residents, visitors and staff alike.



## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 3 Leave for Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:45 p.m.
- 7 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.
- 12 Brenner Concert, Dixieland Cloggers, Staff Dining Room, 3 p.m.
- 14 Leave for Senior Citizens Lunch, Clemmons, 9:45 a.m.
- 17 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Leave for Out to Lunch, Winston-Salem, 11:15 a.m.
- 26 Brenner Concert, Zeke Sanders Blades of Grass, Bluegrass Music, 3 p.m.





Kathryn Crosby gives a star's welcome to Eva Weinberg at the Crosby Celebrity Golf Tournament.



Fair Oaks residents Ida Feinberg (left) and Lena Krieger (right) enjoyed the activities of Spring Celebration with volunteer Lorna Beck.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

Beatrice Alperin  
Hattie Bodenhamer  
Agathe Corbach  
Mildred Gates  
Rose Golden  
Beatrice Hampe  
Pansy Hammond  
Joel Harrison  
Deborah Jaffe  
Rosa Kay  
Geneva Neal  
Sadie Parmet  
Sylvia Pressman  
Willie Reynolds  
Jane Rosenberg  
Evelyn Small  
Lilla Stallcup  
Florence Swirsky  
Ernest Whitehead

### AUGUST

Hannah Ackerman  
Lela Harrison  
Minna Kurtz  
Addie Mikels  
Charles Rosenfeld  
Therese Serxner  
Edward Southern  
Emily Thomas  
Lena Zimmerman

- **TV STARS** Mitchell Lawrence and Mark Pinter brought their shining light to the Home on Wednesday, May 30. Residents and staff were all on hand to meet the visiting "stars" from the TV shows L.A. Law and As the World Turns. In town for the Crosby Celebrity Golf Tournament, these handsome actors showed us the true warmth of the stars when they spent some of their free time visiting with our residents.

- **THE STUDENTS WERE THE STARS** when B'nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro invited the residents to attend the school's traditional year-end wedding ceremony on June 1. Residents were treated to the pleasure of viewing a mock wedding ceremony, complete with reception and dancing held at the school. To the delight of all, students and residents twirled around the floor and the old and young were truly wedded together this day.

Jason Moff, a BJH favorite "star," delighted all with his tap dancing show for the June birthday party.

- **STARS MARKED THE WINNERS AT SPRING CELEBRATION** on Wednesday, June 6, at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem. Winners were the residents who had a good time participating in the games, sponsored by the Winston-Salem Recreation Department, and the volunteers and staff who made this funfilled day possible. More than 22 residents plus volunteers and staff enjoyed a day of beautiful sunshine, food and fun.





# BJH Is Happy To Announce Selections For Employee Of The Month



**PAULINE ALLEN**  
NURSING ASSISTANT  
APRIL, 1990

Pauline Allen's love of her work is obvious when she speaks of BJH. Pauline has been a dedicated employee of the Home since May, 1975, when she began working as a nursing assistant on A-Wing. After 20 years as an employee of the Hanes Company, she returned to her first love, graduated from Davidson Community College's nursing assistant program and began a new career at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. B-Wing was being built and Pauline was there to help prepare for the opening. She served as a nursing assistant for 11 years on B-Wing and transferred to the new Fair Oaks Personal Care Unit when it opened in February, 1988.

"I enjoy staying busy," says Pauline. "I like my work, it's very rewarding, the residents mean a lot to me, and the Jewish Home means a lot. I like everything I do." Lucile Shaw, Fair Oaks Unit Manager, has known Pauline since they worked together on B-Wing years ago. She praised Pauline for her loyalty and dedication to her job, saying that her attendance and punctuality are remarkable and that Pauline would spend the night at the Home to be on the job if the

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**LISA BOWMAN**  
NURSING ASSISTANT  
MAY, 1990

Lisa Bowman is a relative newcomer to BJH having joined our staff in October, 1989. In this short time, Lisa's bright smile and personality have made a difference in the lives of many residents.

Lisa has been working as a nursing assistant, second shift, on B-2 since she began at the Home. She said she loves her job as she especially enjoys working with people. "This job requires giving patients lots of attention, fixing their hair, making them smell nice, taking time to walk with them," said Lisa, sharing her feelings about her work. Lisa works on the blue team and her favorite aspect of the job is the teamwork. She enjoys working with her team and says, "They work as partners as the job requires a lot of teamwork — and communicating with each other and with the residents."

"Lisa is delightful and pleasant. She gives excellent care to the residents. Lisa's attendance is good and she has been a great asset to our unit," says Lorraine Hetrick, B-2 Unit Manager.

Lisa Bowman was very pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month. BJH is pleased to give this honor to a caring, committed member of our team.



**DORIS STROUD**  
ACCOUNTING  
JUNE, 1990

Doris Stroud has brought her quiet, efficient personality to the Accounting Department since January, 1988. Working with third-party insurance has given Doris the opportunity to interact with both residents and their family members. She says this is one of her favorite aspects of the job. Doris says she really enjoys being a part of the Accounting Department at BJH. It is an office where "we all work hard but we all get along well ... the people in the department are great to work with."

Doris has been working in accounting since she received an Associate Degree in Accounting from Wilkes Community College 14 years ago. Prior to joining the staff of BJH, she received long-term care experience as office manager at Meadowbrook Manor.

Very pleased to be chosen as Employee of the Month, Doris said she was surprised, not realizing part-time employees were eligible, and feels very honored. Janet Sowers, Doris's supervisor, describes her as very conscientious and thorough and says Doris does a good job at whatever she does. BJH congratulates Doris Stroud, an employee we are proud to have on our staff.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in July and August:

### JULY

#### 14 Years

Lena Wall, *Craft Shop*

#### 11 Years

Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*

#### 8 Years

Penny Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*

#### 6 Years

Rory Blackwell, *Housekeeping*

#### 4 Years

Sue Welch, *RN, B-1*

#### 2 Years

Ann Canter, *LPN, A-Wg.*

Nancy Hall, *Dietary*

Sam Hall, *Housekeeping*

#### 1 Year

Lori Driscoll, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*

Mary Beth Pollander,

*Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*

Melodee Rash,

*Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*

Lessie Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

### AUGUST

#### 13 Years

Marie Doty, *Supervisor,*

*Housekeeping/Laundry*

Betty Petticord,

*Allied Health Coordinator*

#### 11 Years

Jean Garland, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

Ellen Hughes,

*Asst. Allied Health Coordinator*

#### 10 Years

Lois Call, *LPN, FO*

#### 7 Years

Vikki Donley, *Unit Secretary*

Sylvania Lawrence,

*Nsg. Asst., B-1*

Kathy Williamson, *RN, Staff Dev.*

#### 6 Years

Mary McLaurin, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

#### 3 Years

Jesse Clawson, *Maintenance*

#### 1 Year

Timothy Blackwell,

*Housekeeping*

Marlise DaSilva, *LPN, A-Wg.*

Wayne Dieser, *Dir.,*

*Dining Service*



Our best wishes go to Verna Howell, a dedicated employee of the Home since 1976. On May 31 at a reception in her honor, Verna (now a new member of our volunteer program), received good wishes from her friends at BJH.

## BJH DISCONTINUES COMMISSARY SALES

We are taking this opportunity to let you know about a recent decision regarding commissary sales through the BJH Dietary Department. Due to the increased availability of kosher food products, Passover products and Empire chickens in the local grocery stores plus the availability of a kosher meat market in Charlotte, there has been a steep decline in the number of orders placed with the Home's commissary. In light of this situation, it is no longer feasible to stock the commissary at the Home. We want you to know that our present inventory will be for sale until depleted but that there will be no new items ordered.

We have appreciated the opportunity to offer this service in the past to those who were in need of it, and we thank you for your past support. We are pleased to know that kosher products have become more widely available, frequently at a lower price than we can provide.

If you have any questions or for information, please call Wayne Dieser in the Dietary Department at (919) 766-0169.

*Pauline Allen continued*

weather was bad. "In Fair Oaks, Pauline not only attends to her assignments, she goes beyond the call being extremely helpful to the residents in many ways and is a good team member. Pauline gets a lot of pleasure from her work," reports Lucile.

Giving pleasure is also something at which Pauline excels. Her warmth, enthusiasm and positive attitude make her a welcome member of the staff. BJH congratulates Pauline Allen, a deserving recipient of this honor.

**BJH GIFT SHOP**  
celebrates our 25th year  
with a

**25%  
OFF SALE**  
**August 1-31**

*ALL ITEMS  
All proceeds go to BJH.*

# What's Developing?

## "A Great Gift from The Winston-Salem Foundation — A Great Need — A Great Opportunity"

by Bob Young  
Director of Development

### THE GREAT GIFT

Recently, The Home received official word that The Winston-Salem Foundation had approved a grant of \$100,000 for the Home. This money is to be used to provide care for elderly needy from Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. A prior grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation, which has a history of caring for Forsyth needy, to the Winston-Salem Foundation made this possible.

This is the largest single grant the Home has ever received for providing care for the residents. (Many larger gifts have been made to the Capital Campaign, but this is the largest to the operating budget.) Don Morris, Lydia Sparrow, and others have worked for three years to get this grant.

### THE GREAT NEED

Since the Home had a deficit of \$716,000 in 1988-89, largely because we subsidize the costs for those who cannot pay their own expenses, this \$100,000 is a gift all of us who care about the Home can celebrate! It helps meet many very personal and very pressing needs of many of our residents.

The Home is totally committed to providing excellent care for all our residents, those who can pay for their care and those who cannot. This is our history and this is our commitment. The need is very real and urgent. We have some 80 or more residents whose care has to be supplemented by the Home.

It is wonderful that the Home has this history and this commitment to care for all our residents — and to keep on caring even when a resi-

dent cannot afford the costs. Not many homes do that!!

### THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY

NOW, the opportunity is yours — each one of you who reads this — to help the home. **The \$100,000 from the Winston-Salem Foundation is available to us — only if we raise an equal \$100,000 in new matching money.** We get the grant only as we document to the Foundation that we have received new money to match their grant.

Thus, we need gifts large and small to help us raise \$100,000 to provide care for our needy. Please, please, take a few minutes, reflect on what you can do, then sit down and write the Home a check for \$25,000 or \$10,000 or \$5,000 or \$500 or \$100 or whatever you can give — and send it to the Home. Mark it "Care for the Needy Fund." When we raise \$100,000 — then we get \$100,000 from the Foundation — and the Home then has \$200,000 for the care of our residents.

Please join with us in this Mitzvah!

### Plan to Celebrate with BJH 25th Anniversary

Saturday, October 27  
Dinner

Sunday, October 28  
Brunch

### BJH Guest Dining Policy

We welcome visitors to  
our dining rooms.

In order to  
best serve our residents  
and their guests, we ask  
all dining guests to please  
give prior notification to the  
Department of Dining Services.



*Eileen Jacobs, A-wing resident, enjoyed a visit with her family on Mother's Day.*



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